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Eye-witness account of Gibraltar killings condemned as 'trial by television'

Howe fails to stop film on IRA bombers

By Richard Evans and Richard Ford in London and Dominique Searle in Gibraltar

A television documentary suggesting that two of the three IRA bombers shot by the SAS in Gibraltar were trying to surrender when they were killed was screened last night in *spite of strong Government pressure to postpone the programme.*

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, appealed to Lord Thomson of Monifieth, chairman of the Independent Broadcasting Authourity (IBA), to delay showing the programme, Thames Television's *This Week* special on the ground that it could prejudice the inquest into the death of the IRA squad.

However, after taking legal advice and previewing the programme, Lord Thomson decided yesterday that it should go ahead. He denied it would prejudice the inquest hearing, and argued that to postpone the programme would give the IRA more "oxygen of publicity".

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The documentary features an interview with a translator, described in the film as Carmen Proetta, who witnessed the shootings on March 6. *She* claims that Mairead Farrell and Danny McCann, two of the IRA *bombers, had their hands* raised in the air as if "giving themselves up" when they were shot.

Her version of the event would appear to conflict with the statement given to the Commons by Sir Geoffrey after the Gibraltar incident. He told MPs that the bombers made suspicious movements which led British "military personnel" to believe their lives and others could be at risk.

The new evidence is likely to further strain relations between *London* and *Dublin.* Mr Peter Barry, the former Irish justice minister, said yesterday the British Government must bring those responsible to justice. "The actions of the security forces makes it very difficult for those of us who believe in the rule of law and who preach respect for it."

The Thames programme, "Death on the Rock", provoked a storm of controversy in the Commons last night with Conservative MPs joining Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, in condemning the "*trial by television*".

But while Mr King claimed the 50-minute programme would prejudice the rights of witnesses at the inquest, opposition MPs led by Mr Kevin McNamara, Labour's Northern Ireland spokesman, described Government attempts to postpone the broadcast as a further example of "ministerial arm twisting" against the press and media.

Sir Geoffrey spoke to Lord Thomson on Tuesday and talked to another senior IBA official yesterday, but last night the IBA put out a lengthy statement justifying its decision.

"The IBA considers that the programme is a responsibly made documentary, which assesses and analyses the role of the terrorists and the SAS in a thorough manner.

"The IBA has taken the advice of counsel and has been told that transmission of the programme is not in contempt of court.

"The programme makes clear the full horror of the crimes committed by the IRA terrorists. *The events of the* Gibraltar shooting have already been the subject of wide *journalistic investigation.* The IBA believes that it would be unreasonable to deny further reporting of them to television.

"The IBA believes that the material in this programme is unlikely to prejudice the outcome of the inquest. Such material will be made avbailable to the inquest.

"The IBA believes that to postpone the programme until after an inquest which is still apparently a long time away would give the IRA more 'oxygen of publicity', and would certainly not prevent it being shown elsewhere, for example in Parliament to interested MPs, or its contents being widely reported."

Although the Foreign Office last night criticized the IBA decision as "irresponsible", it ruled out seeking an injunction to prevent the documentary being broadcast, because *legal action* was not

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Mrs Carmen Proetta at the window of her flat from where she claims she saw the shootings; right, flashback to the day of the killing.

Tried any good TV programmes lately?
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Ex-soldier wins bomb test case

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

A former soldier won the right in the House of Lords yesterday to sue the Government *for damages. He suffers from* cancer allegedly caused by radiation to which he was exposed while serving on Christmas Island during British nuclear tests in the 1950s.

The unanimous ruling by the five Law Lords in favour of Mr Melvyn Pearce, of Backwell, Bristol, a former lance-corporal with the Royal Engineers, clears the way for similar claims by hundreds of other ex-serviceman who witnessed *the atom* bomb and hydrogen bomb tests in the Pacific.

The *Law Lords* dismissed an appeal by the Secretary of State for Defence and the Ministry of Defence in which they claimed they were protected by crown immunity.

Mr Pearce was among 25,000 servicemen in the Pacific area when 21 tests were carried out.

Mr Pearce claims he and *fellow* soldiers were allowed to swim in radioactive waters and eat contaminated fruit without being warned of the dangers.

Mr Pearce, who has the backing of the Nuclear Veterans Association, suffers chronic renal failure

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Bank tries to prevent seamen moving cash

By Tim Jones

A move was made in the High *Court yesterday to prevent the* National Union of Seamen thwarting any order sequestrating *its £2.8 million* assets. It was thought the union may try to send the money out of the country.

In a surprise intervention in the action between the union and the Sealink ferry company, Mr George Newman QC, for the Midland Bank, said it had received "unusual" instructions from the union to deal with "substantial sums" either already in its account or coming into its account at the bank.

Mr Newman said the requests it had been receiving from the union within the last 24 hours "may be designed to defeat any writ of sequestration".

He said there would be substantial difficulties involved if funds were distributed outside the jurisdiction *of the court "to* all four corners of the world".

The Midland Bank had been involved in a similar problem in relation to attempts by the National Union *of Mineworkers* to keep its funds out of the hands of the sequestrators, Mr Newman said.

The intervention by the union's bankers came as Mr Justice Michael Davies gave the union and Sealink until today to try to resolve their differences at talks with the Advisory, Consiliation and *Arbitration Service.*

Sealink, which alleges the union breached an earlier injunction banning it from interferring with its operations, was warned by the judge not to "blow hot and cold" on its sequestration move.

Advising the parties to "talk and talk fast", Mr Justice Davies said the parties had recieved a "Rolls-Royce" service from the court and they could not expect the court to be "kept dancing to the ACAS tune".

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He said: "I acknowledge that Sealink has never sought to say it really wants the NUS put out of business by a writ of sequestration.

"But if that is their view, perhaps they should wonder to what extent they ought, in future, to use that as a threat and then not wish to pursue it."

In another High Court action, the NUS failed to gain an injunction preventing *P&O* European Ferries from recruiting non-union seamen. P&O was yesterday preparing to sail its strike-bound ships into Dover from Rotterdam.

As Dover braced itself for the arrival of the first P&O ship since the dispute, over the company's plans to streamline its operations, began, Kent police called on reinforcements, estimated at 150 officers, from the Sussex, Surrey and Essex forces.

A mass picket outside dover *docks yesterday was visited by* Mr Tony Benn and Mr Eric Heffer, who are challenging to *become the leader and deputy* leader respectively of the Labour Party.

Mr Benn accused P&O of supporting the Conservative Party and a Government whose objective was "to destroy British trade unions".

Mr Heffer said the union's dispute could be even more important than the miners' strike. "If you lose, the whole of the movement loses. Your struggle is the crunch struggle for the trade union and working class movement of this country", he told pickets.

It was disclosed yesterday that the home in Dover of a *P&O stewardess who returned* to work after three months on strike was daubed with red paint spelling out 'scab" and "kill".

Miss Gloria Rodgers, aged

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Ethics beat the taxman

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Inland Revenue was banned by the High Court yesterday from using statutory powers to force lawyers to hand over copies of clients' documents to further tax investigations.

In a ruling seen as of great importance to the legal profession, two judges held that copy documents in the Gray's Inn chambers of a barrister, Mr David Goldberg, QC, were protected by professional privilege. As a consequence, he was not obliged to release them to the Inland Revenue as ordered without his client's permission.

The ruling is a considerable *blow to the Inland Revenue,* which has agreed not to take further proceedings against *Mr Goldberg for failing to* comply with a notice to produce the documents. Yesterday a spokesman said it could not comment until it had studied the judgement. But it is thought to be considering an appeal.

Mr Goldberg's solicitor, Mr Stephen Cromie, said the ruling was important, not just for tax investigation cases, but for civil litigation generally. "It has never been entirely clear *how far photocopies of documents* supplied to a lawyer for the purposes of his giving

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Minister warns investors

By Our City Staff

Key provisions of the Financial Services Act, offering protection to investors, come into force today — with a warning from Mr Francis Maude, the Minister for Corporate Affair, that even under the new system it is still possible to lose money.

He said that even if the new regulatory framework had been in place during last October's stock market slide, nothing could have been done to safeguard the investor.

"*While there* will be better information than previously, there is no way to take risk out of *investment business,*" Mr Maude said. Investor protection would, however be "better".

He said Act directly affected most households.

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Solidarity adopts hard line

Polish strike threats spread

From Richard Bassett, Nowa Huta

Poland was facing its most serious outbreak of industrial unrest since the days of martial law as both sides in the three-day-old strike at the Lenin mill at Nowa Huta hardened their positions.

There were also reports of strikes called for today in several cities. A local committee of the banned trade union Solidarity has called on *the 18,000* workers at the Stalowa Wola steelworks in south-east Poland to go on strike today.

But the authorities moved to halt the strike. Mrs Ewa Kaberna, a Solidarity activist who had announced the strike, was detained by police, a *union spokesmen, Mr Zbigniew* Romaszewski, said.

A Politburo member arrived *in Nowa Huta* yesterday, and Mr Alfred Miodowicz, head of the official All-Poland Trade *Union* Alliance, confirmed that the Government's industrial policy chief, Mr Zbigniew Szalajda, the Deputy Prime Minister, was also expected.

The strike at the Lenin mill involves some 13,000 workers. The strike committee, all of whom are members of Solidarity, are demanding the reinstatement of four dismissed Solidarity activists, a 50 per cent increase in hourly wages and a doubling of the 6,000 zloty (about £28) payment the Government has already approved to compensate for last February's price increases.

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The Government has reacted vigorously to these "unreasonable" claims, and the Cracow Prosecutor's office issued a statement warning "all those engaged in unlawful activitiy in the mill" that they must be prepared to "take the legal consequences".

The strike committee's response has been to present an ultimatum to the authorities: unless they come up with a "satisfactory" proposal by the early hours of today, the mill's entire workforce — 32,000 people — will go on strike.

Outside the vast plant the mood of the striking workers was defiant. "Just let them try," an old steelworker said of the authorties' threat of legal action. Workers of all ages were adamant that even if, as one put it, there is a "return to earlier times of conflict", the men would not give in.

Mr Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader, issued a statement pledging the movement's support for "activities which defend the living standards of the population".

Solidarity's open support *for the strikers at Nowa Huta,* combined with the threat of strikes at Stalowa Wola, Cracow, *Lodz and* Torun are forcing the Government into a corner.

Kimbolton wins Times Mind quiz

By Alan Franks

A team of 10 pupils from Kimbolton School, a mixed public school in Cambridgeshire, has won the schools section of *The Times* Tournament of the Mind.

The team was one of two entered by the 520-pupil school. Nine other schools out of an initial entry of almost 300 reached the final. The prize is an IBM computer.

Kimbolton's winning team, which gave correct answers to all but one of the 45 questions in the final, was led by Adam Richardson, aged 17.

Mr Harold Gale, executive director of British Mensa, said yesterday that most schools in the final managed to answer 40 or more of the questions, and the lowest score was 38.

Mr Roger Peel, headmaster of Kimbolton School, said: "*This is wonderful news for us* all."

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£3,000 gadget to help sufferers of chronic pain

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Long-suffering patients who get no *relief from* chronic pain can be helped by an electrical gadget implanted into their bodies, doctors were told *yesterday.*

The device, a dorsal column stimulator, could be a high technology answer when more orthodox treatments including surgery and drugs have failed. Once implanted, it can last up to five years and can be controlled by the patient using a form of radio transmitter or a magnet to switch it on and off.

The stimulator is slightly larger than a matchbox and works by releasing a low electrical charge which triggers into action the nerves that *inhibit pain.*

First developed in the United States, the stimulator has recently been offered to a hundred or so patients in Britain and is being evaluated by specialists in clinical centres.

It was described yesterday to doctors attending the British Medical Association's annual scientific meeting, in Jersey, by Dr Tim Nash, a consultant anaesthetist and a leading specialist in pain relief.

"The question is how far patients who are severely disabled by pain are prepared to go to get relief", Dr Nash said.

"This is suitable only for a small group of people and it requires a lot of time, trouble and medical follow-up. *It is also very expensive and the costs* alone will probably restrict its use." The stimulator costs up to £3,000.

After extensive tests and examinations, suitable patients have the device implanted behind their ribcage. When it is switched on they feel a "quite noticeable tingling sensation" as the electrical current is released.

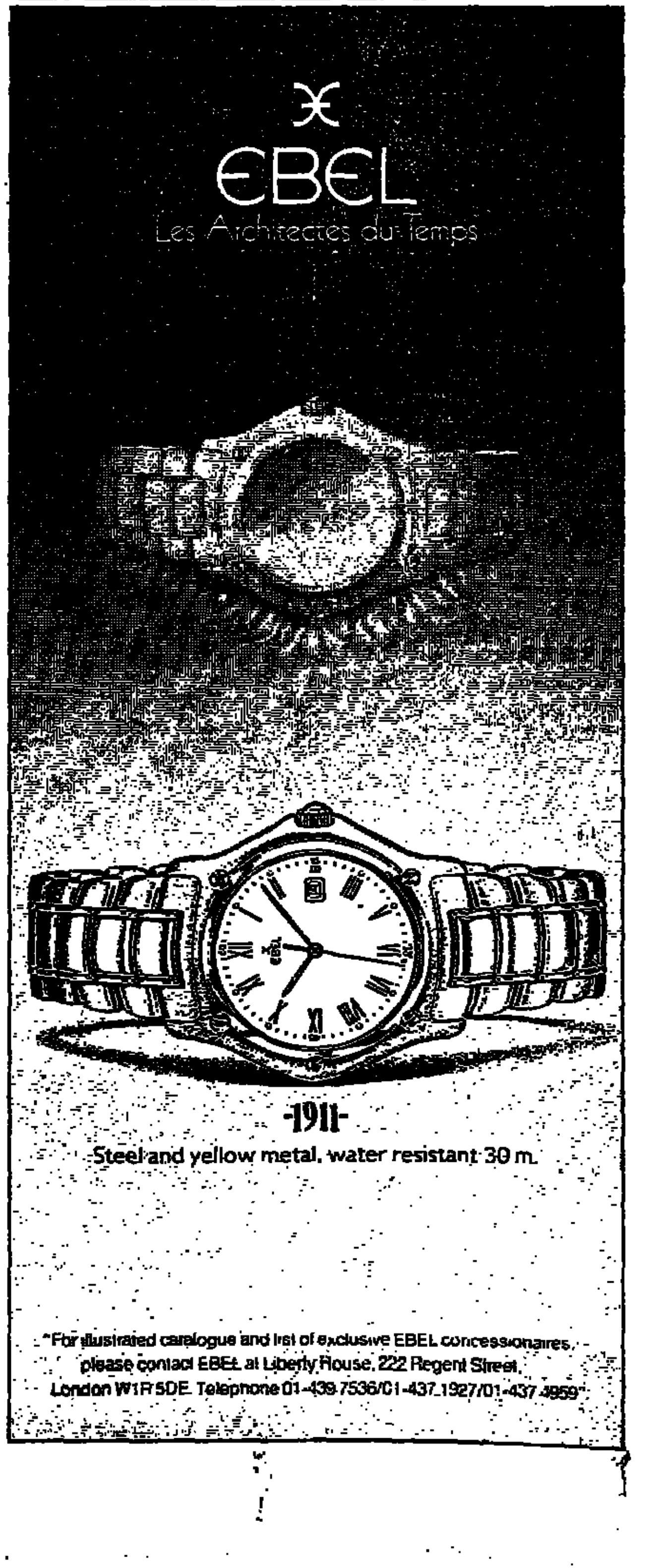
There has been substantial *relief* for patients who have endured months or years of pain from conditions such as angina, back pain and leg aches related to heart disorders, Dr Nash said. It is also useful in assisting bladder control in sufferers of multiple sclerosis.

One of the potential problems of the device is the risk of infection once it is implanted, although Dr Nash said he was not aware of any serious cases of *infection* resulting from its use.

Dr Nash, of Basingstoke district hospital, Hampshire, is a leading member of the Intractable Pain Society of Great Britain and Ireland. He told the conference that chronic pain produces "misery, loss of hope and self-esteem and social loneliness that leads to depression".

Studies suggested that chronic pain syndromes affected about 30 per cent of the population and 20 per cent were *either partially* or totally disabled for long periods.

"Research in the past 20 years has not led to much better understanding of most clinical pain conditions and it is high time that sound clinical research was given a high priority", Dr Nash said.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Ruling reserved in rugby action

Mr Simon van Oppen, a former public schoolboy, could win £153,625 damages if the High Court finds that his old school was to blame for his crippling rugby injuries, it was disclosed yesterday. Mr Justice Boreham reserved judgement after hearing 26 days of evidence.

Mr van Oppen, aged 24, blames Bedford School for the spine injury he suffered after a head-on tackle went wrong in November 1980. He claims the school was negligent in not coaching him properly and in depriving him of compensation by not insuring him for accidental injury.

The school trustees deny the allegations. They have agreed, however, that Mr van Oppen, of Priory Lane, Roehampton, Surrey, will be entitled to £55,000 if it is found the school should have taken out insurance, and to the full amount if it was negligent in failing to coach him.

Call to ban all caning

The House of Lords is to be asked to ban caning in all public and other independent schools in line with the abolition of corporal punishment in state schools in August last year. Although Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, would prefer to leave the decision up to individual independent schools, there will be a strong challenge from peers to remove the anomaly. Lord Henderson of Brompton, has tabled an amendment to the Education Reform Bill inserting a new clause to extend the ban on corporal punishment to all schools.

Livingstone walk-out

Mr Ken Livingstone, Labour MP for Brent East, withdrew from Parliament yesterday protesting at his lack of an office. He was being denied a desk and telephone because of his controversial views, he said, and was the only MP not to have those facilities. He said he would work from home, adding that it was impossible to serve his constituents in his present situation. Labour whips were waiting to see how his flouting of party discipline and the boycott operates in practice before deciding whether to take punitive action.

TV advert withdrawn

Scottish and Newcastle Breweries, which gave £10,000 to the Conservative general election campaign, has withdrawn a television commercial for McEwans lager which uses a song critical of the Government. The song "Happy Days", by The Shamen, an Aberdeen group, is about the Falklands conflict. In a reference to the sinking of the Belgrano, the lyric includes: "There is a ship on the sea, shall we send it down? It's only a toy in a tub, shall we sink it now?" The company is commissioning another song for the commercial, part of a £1 million campaign on Scottish television yet to start.

Ballot on UDM fund

Miners belonging to the Union of Democratic Mineworkers are being urged to vote for a political fund in a ballot being organized by the union. Mr Roy Lynk, UDM president, said that the union was not allowed to use general funds to put across its point of view on issues such as the privatization of the electricity industry. A political fund was needed to enable the union to to campaign vigorously on all issues affecting the membership. The UDM, which has about 25,000 members, will announce the result of the ballot at its annual conference in Weymouth in June.

40-year home loans

The Woolwich Building Society yesterday unveiled a 40-year mortgage specifically aimed at first-time buyers. The Woolwich, which at 9.5 per cent has the lowest rate among building societies, says it is the only mortgage of such a length deliberately intended for this market. It has an age limit of 25. The monthly cost of a £30,000 mortgage falls from £216.03 over 25 years to £193.83 over 40 years.

Strike hits morale of Dover seamen's families

By Ronald Faux

The strike is biting hard into the morale of the seamen who refuse to accept the company's new terms and into the morale of their families. Mrs Liz Caley, whose husband, Colin, was a P&O steward on the Dover-Calais service, helped at the soup kitchen set up in the Salvation Army hall in the centre of Dover, where free meals are provided daily after school hours.

"I am afraid of what's going to happen, and what all this could mean. There are three of us, with our daughter, Sarah, who is 15, and there's a lot to pay every month; mortgage and food. There's now nothing coming in. There has been no redundancy, and we do not qualify for social security, because they say it's a dispute. We have had to sit down and add up all the assets and see what they will raise. It is desperately sad", she said.

Chief among them would be the family's terrace home in Dover, which was bought four years ago. With the steep rise in house prices in the South-east, it is now worth nearly double the £19,000 they paid for it.

"The mortgage is about £180 a month, and that alone takes a big lump out of the income. Colin earned about £160 a week, sometimes a bit more, depending on the shifts he worked."

She said the meeting place had been a godsend because it gave a focal point to all the families in the same position. "It's a relief to know we are all in the same boat, that we are not isolated. But, quite honestly, I would rather that it came to this than have Colin go back under P&O's terms. I don't think they have thought about safety at all, which is surprising after what happened to the Herald."

Giving support to the strikers was Mrs Gail Cook, who was a stewardess in the Herald of Free Enterprise, but who had left after the disaster. "It's not my job on the line, but I support them a hundred per cent."

Outside the Salvation Army hall hailstones bounced off the pavement. Inside, Mr Jim Smith, aged 52, a senior chief cook with P&O, prepared meals for more than 100 strikers, their wives and children at a "soup kitchen".

People seeking to cross the Channel over the holiday weekend were warned yesterday not to go to the ports without ensuring in advance that they had a firm booking. These services are expected to operate:

SEALINK: Dover to Calais: eight sailings a day each way. **Newhaven to Dieppe:** three sailings a day each way. **Weymouth to Cherbourg:** one sailing a day each way. **Portsmouth to Cherbourg:** two sailings each way today and tomorrow; one each way on Monday. **Harwich to the Hook of Holland:** two sailings a day each way.

P&0: Dover to Ostende: seven ferry crossings a day each way and four Jetfoil crossings a day for foot passengers. These vessels are owned by the Belgian state-owned company, RMT, but P&O markets their operations in Britain. P&O expect to have one crossing a day from **Portsmouth to Cherbourg,** and three **from Portsmouth to Le Havre.**

BRITANNY: Portsmouth to St Malo and Caen; Plymouth to Roscoff: normal services, but all fully booked.

SALLY LINES: Ramsgate to Dunkirk: five sailings a day each way.

NORTH SEA FERRIES, which is a joint operation by P&O and the Dutch company, Nedlloyd, expect to have one sailing a day from **Hull to either Rotterdam or Zeebrugge.**

HOVERSPEED: Dover to Calais: 13 crossings a day each way. **Dover to Boulogne:** five crossings a day each way.

Benefit cuts restored for more groups

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Further changes to the new welfare regulations were announced yesterday to moderate losses to specific groups.

Six weeks after a minister said nothing could be done for 19-year-olds in full time education without parental support, they will now be helped.

Tory backbenchers want the Government to collect detailed information on the impact of the changes and to tackle any further anomalies in the autumn expenditure statement.

The MPs were determined not to embarrass the Government any further, although some remain concerned about the impact of the changes.

They will watch their postbags and monitor the reaction at their constituency surgeries during the next few weeks and make further representations to ministers at the Department of Health and Social Security if necessary.

One backbencher said: "We don't want any more knee jerk reactions and special payments. That would make us look ridiculous. The whole thing has to be assessed calmly in the summer as part of the public expenditure round."

Mr Nicholas Scott, Minister for Social Security, yesterday announced three further rule changes to give transitional protection to vulnerable people on income-related benefits at a cost of about £1 million.

In a Commons written reply, Mr Scott said that the Government would provide transitional protection for disabled people, lone parents and pensioners who were receiving supplementary benefit under the old system but who were not entitled to new benefits because of changes in the rules relating to full-time work in the switch to the income support scheme.

Students who would have lost benefit when they became 19 would be protected from the effects of the change by payments from the special central unit in the DHSS.

In the Commons Mrs Thatcher called Wednesday's £100 million addition to the £46 billion social security budget "a modest adjustment but effective to deal with the problems".

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Pupils reveal newspaper skills

Sir Alastair Burnet presenting awards to Neil Gibbs and Kerry Johnson, representing Sitwell Junior School, Rotherham, one of the winners of a newspaper competition organized by *The Times* Network Systems (Photograph: Alan Weller).

By Robin Young

Sir Alastair Burnet, a national director of Times Newspapers, yesterday presented prizes to the schools which produced the best newspapers in a competition organized by *The Times* Network Systems, an electronic communication and information service for schools and colleges to which more than 5,000 educational establishments subscribe.

First prize in the primary school section went to the *Silicon Star* produced by Sitwell Junior School, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, where pupils aged seven to 11 had their teacher doubling as a television aerial so that they could downfeed stories from the Ceefax and Oracle teletext news services into their computer software.

The *Aston Comet* produced by a group of mixed ability pupils aged 14 to 15 at Aston Comprehensive School, Swallownest, Rotherham, which took first prize in the secondary school competition for under-15s, remade its front page after school hours to take in coverage of the avalanche at Klosters, Switzerland, which hit the Prince of Wales's skiing party.

The winner in the open class, *Freelance*, produced by pupils at the Mortimer Wilson Comprehensive, Alfreton, Derbyshire, had a front page story about a police manhunt at a local beauty spot. An award for the best overseas entry went to Sadadeen Secondary College, Alice Springs, Australia.

The panel of judges was chaired by Sir Edward Pickering, executive vice chairman of News International. The next Newspaper Day competition which TTNS is organizing will be for papers produced on September 29, during the Seoul Olympics.

- The first edition of *Retirement World*, a national monthly tabloid aimed at the wealthier band of pensioners, will be published next month.

- A glossy "lifestyle" magazine, *Catalyst*, edited by Michael Parkinson, the journalist and television personality, was launched yesterday by Austin Rover.

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Jeweller who fled to Spain with £1m pleads guilty to theft

By Craig Seton

A Midlands jeweller who fled to Spain five years ago after stripping his shops of gold, silver, gems and cash worth more than £1 million, pleaded guilty to theft charges at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday.

The court was told that Robert Chatwin, aged 46, who returned voluntarily to Britain last September, had claimed that he recieved none of the jewellery or cash he stole in January 1983 after his business ran into serious financial difficulty.

He had alleged to the West Midlands police that a solicitor had first suggested that he should take his company's money and flee to a country which did not have an extradition treaty with Britain.

He had also claimed in his statements that after changing his mind about taking all of the stolen gems and cash to Spain so that it could be returned to his company, an accomplice involved in the crime, who was named as Malcolm Ross, a property dealer, had disrppeared with the stolen goods.

Robert Chatwin, returned voluntarily to Britain.

The court was told that although most of the jewellery was quickly recovered by police in unusual circumstances, £180,000 in cash was never recovered.

Chatwin, formerly of Home Farm House, Whitnash, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, pleaded guilty to theft of jewellery worth more than £1 million, £180,000 in cash and 10 other charges, nine of deception involving more than £200,000 from falsely raising marine mortgages.

Mr Anthony Palmer, QC, for the prosecution, said Chatwin's "dramatic flight" to Spain came immediately after the thefts from his chain of six jewellery shops in the Midlands.

Mr Palmer said that Chatwin's business was short of working capital and he had decided to buy substantial stock in the hope of good trade during Christmas 1982. However, the trade did not go as well as he hoped and he decided to leave, buying a speedboat with an enlarged fuel tank and making arrangements for his furniture to be taken to Spain.

Mr Palmer said that in October 1982, Chatwin had ordered extraordinary amounts of stock for his shops at Sutton Coldfield, Rugby, Stratford-upon-Avon, Solihull, Droitwich and Malvern.

Shortly before Christmas 1982, he had held a party at his house for staff and had told them that an American consortium had agreed to inject money into his company. Between January 2 and January 9, 1983, he shut the shops for stock-taking while making plans to buy a property in Spain.

Chatwin had alleged that Mr Ross was to have taken the stock stolen from the shops in return for a property in Spain. Chatwin claimed that it was Mr Ross who planted in his mind that he should not just steal money from his business but jewellery as well.

The idea was that the two men would eventually sell the jewellery in Switzerland. It was to be taken first to Spain, together with the cash stolen, hidden in the petrol tank of the speedboat.

The court was told that Mr Ross was to join the Plymouth to Santander ferry driving a Mercedes pulling the speedboat while Chatwin drove another Mercedes pulling a caravan.

However, Chatwin had claimed that on January 4, 1983, at a West Country service station he had told Mr Ross that he had had a last-minute change of mind and wanted to return all the jewellery and £80,000 cash.

Mr Palmer said that according to Chatwin the two men argued about that and Mr Ross left driving the Mercedes pulling the speedboat.

He said that on January 13 a London solicitor known to act for Mr Ross delivered to police 15 bags of jewellery, followed a few days later by another bag. Later in 1983, the Mercedes which had been driven by Mr Ross was found at a hotel in Dublin.

Graham Richards, aged 43, a self-employed greengrocer, of Rugby, Warwickshire, pleaded guilty yesterday to three joint charges of deception with Chatwin. The case was adjourned until today.

Sympathy for businessman who failed attempt at crime

Robert Chatwin, the apparently wealthy owner of six Midlands jewellery shops, proved to be a failure in business and an even bigger failure at crime.

Even the police who waited five years for his voluntary return from Spain came to have some sympathy for his downfall.

The middle-class son of a jeweller, Chatwin lived in a big manor house at Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, with his wife and two daughters, owning expensive cars and an ocean-going yacht.

However, by Christmas 1982, four years after he opened his chain of shops, Chatwin's apparent affluence hid a crumbling business and growing debts, accelerated by the collapse of the gold market.

Facing ruin, he decided to steal from his own business and flee to Spain, where he knew other British criminals flourished out of the reach of British justice.

While his wife, Carolyn, and daughters, Julia and Jenny, were on a new year holiday in the United States, Chatwin took gold, silver, gems and other jewellery with a retail value of £1 million and £180,000 in takings from his shops and disappeared.

He left behind empty shops, unpaid staff and creditors. Under a pillow at their home, his family found a note of farewell and £100.

On January 6, 1983, West Midlands police began an investigation into his disappearance. However, the previous day Chatwin had fled to Spain on a ferry from Plymouth. However, the stolen gems never arrived. Less than 10 days after he disappeared, 15 polythene bags filled with jewellery were dumped at the office of a London solicitor acting for Chatwin amid reports that he had decided to hand them back because threats had been made on his life.

More gems were recovered in the Midlands. Detectives spent six months cataloguing 21,986 items of jewellery worth £1 million at wholesale value. However, they say they will never know whether all the gems have been traced because there are no records.

The estimated £180,000 in Christmas takings from Chatwin's shops has never been recovered. The police assume that the jeweller's accomplices kept the money.

Within days of arriving in Spain, Chatwin was arrested and charged with smuggling when Spanish police found gems worth £50,000 at his villa after an anonymous tip-off. At that time, he had only £3,500 in a Spanish bank account.

Chatwin spent six months in a Spanish jail. When he was released, almost penniless and with failing eyesight, he was still out of reach of the British police because an extradition treaty with Spain was signed after he arrived on the Costa Blanca.

Knowing he was at least temporarily safe, Chatwin confessed openly to Detective Superintendent John Franklin and Chief Inspector Clive Mole, of the West Midlands police. Mr Franklin said: "He was quite honest and fairly open about his involvement. He promised that one day he would return to face the music, as he put it, and that promise has been fulfilled.

"As far as we are concerned he never received anything from the stolen property while he was in Spain."

Chatwin's wife later divorced him and remarried. He started a business selling villas in Denia which also failed.

A receiver is handling Chatwin's affairs.

Museum charges opposed

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

Two of Britain's leading scientific institutions yesterday criticized the decision of the Science Museum in south-west London to introduce admissions charges in October.

The Institute of Physics and the British Association for the Advancement of Science expressed concern that the charges, likely to be about £2 for adults and £1 for children, will hinder efforts to make more young people interested in science and technology.

Reaction among visitors to the museum yesterday was strongly against the charges.

Mrs Christine Ahmed, a teacher at the Sarah Bonnell Girls' School, east London, surrounded by her party of 90 girls, said: "It is terrible and totally unacceptable. It will cut down on the number of children who will come here".

Dr Louis Cohen, executive secretary of the Institute of Physics, said that he was "dismayed" by the decision.

He said: "We need young people to have an interest in science, and I would not want to see anything getting in the way of that".

Dr Malcolm Frazer, chairman of the British Association, said he appreciated that people should be asked to make a contribution to services the museum provided. "Any changes which will deter people from experiencing what the museum has to offer must be regretted".

Dr Neil Cossons, director of the museum, said the trustees had made the decision to charge admission reluctantly.

"The museum is wearing out at a faster rate than it is being renewed", he said. There would still be free admission between 4.30pm and 6pm every day.

Moscow circus comes to town

Byashim Annayev, of Moscow State Circus, calming one of its horses yesterday after it arrived at Gatwick airport. The circus, featuring 70 artistes from throughout the Soviet Union, plays at Battersea Park, south-west London, from Sunday until May 15. A gala performace in front of the Princess of Wales is scheduled for Thursday (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Fight against cancer

EEC may put ban on public smoking

By Jill Sherman
Social Services Correspondent

Smoking could be banned in public places throughout Europe by 1992 as part of a coordinated campaign against cancer which aims to save 150,000 lives by the end of the century.

M Michel Richonnier, coordinator of the Europe Against Cancer campaign, disclosed yesterday that the European Commission is to recommend a smoking ban in areas such as public transport, restaurants and cinemas at the June meeting of the Council of Ministers.

Health ministers will also be pressed to introduce smoking zones in the work place.

Speaking at the launch of the Europe Against Cancer Week, which starts on May 1, M Richonnier said that under the Commissioners' proposals cigarette prices in England, Ireland and West Germany would not fall in the harmonization of taxes for the single market in 1992, as small discrepancies would still be allowed between countries.

Individuals who are married not only contract less cancer than single people but, if they fall victim to the disease, appear to live longer than their unmarried counterparts.

Survival rates of married cancer sufferers when compared with single victims of the same age are similar to unmarrieds who are 10 years younger.

Led by Mr James Goodwin, of the Medical College of Wisconsin, in the United States, the researchers discovered that married people were more likely to seek early diagnosis and treatment.

The researchers believe the findings highlight how partner and family support can lower stress and contribute to improved health.

Dr John Bonn, a stress expert at St Bartholomew's Hospital in London, said the American findings seemed to confirm other investigations on stress and ill health.

The EEC has already proposed obligatory health warnings such as those in England and a ban on cigarettes with a high tar content.

M Richonnier said that the information given to the anti-cancer campaign provided "clear-cut medical evidence" about the links between smoking and lung cancer which could be used to counter any pressure from the tobacco industry for lower prices.

Mrs Edwina Currie, the junior health minister, backed the 10-point European code for preventing cancer and announced a £100,000 boost for British projects during next week's public education campaign.

Britain has the highest incidence of both lung and breast cancer in Europe. One in three Britons will develop some form of cancer, and one in five will die from it.

Mrs Currie said the problem is growing. In 1983 there were 4,300 new cases per million population per year, but by last year this figure had risen to 4,700 and is expected to rise to 5,300 per million by 1994, mainly as a result of the growing number of elderly people and new advances in detecting the disease.

She said lung cancer was dropping among men but the number of women, particularly in their twenties, suffering from lung cancer had increased by about a quarter.

She made a plea for "smoke-free relationships" and told young women they would turn into "grotty old ladies" by the age of 50 if they continued smoking.

The code also suggests people should eat less, drink less, cut down on fatty foods, eat fresh fruit and vegetables and avoid excessive exposure to the sun.

The code which has been adopted by all 12 European Community nations, also advises women to have regular cervical smear tests, to examine their breasts monthly and for those over 50 to attend mammography screening.

Pressure grows over stabbing

By Ian Smith

Pressure mounted yesterday for immediate publication of the controversial report into the playground stabbing of a pupil aged 13 at a Manchester secondary school.

Teaching and non-teaching staff at Burnage High School said any criticisms contained in the report were best brought into the open so they could be fairly discussed and acted upon where necessary.

Staff committee members asked Manchester City Council education committee and school governors to ensure that work necessary to restore racial harmony at the school should be conducted in a sensitive, non-threatening and non-divisive way.

The Manchester Council for Community Relations criticized the city council for refusing to publish the report by Mr Ian MacDonald, QC, after a nine-month inquiry into anti-racist policies at the school.

The council had undertaken to make public the report's contents when it agreed to commission the inquiry but had failed to live up to that promise, the group said.

The city council said copies of the report had not been printed after advice that it could result in legal action against the authority. A legally-approved substitute is expected to be presented next month.

Ramsden insured for £3m

The life of Mr Terry Ramsden, the businessman and racehorse owner, was insured for £3 million by a stockbroking firm for which he worked, a court was told yesterday.

The value put on his services was revealed by the defence at Southwark Crown Court, south London, where Mr Ramsden denies a charge of fraudulently evading payment of value added tax between January 7, 1984, and January 22, 1985.

Mr Anthony Arlidge, QC, for the defence, said that Mr Ramsden earned millions in commision from introducing clients to T C Coombs and advising on investments. The firm had insured his life for £3 million.

The court was told that Mr Ramsden, of Nevendon Road, Wickford, Essex, left school at the age of 16 to work as an insurance clerk, but moved to Hedderwicks, the stockbrokers, where his qualities were recognized and he was promoted to the "dealing area" at the age of 21.

One of the brokers, Mr Patrick Mahon, aged 48, realized Mr Ramsden's financial genius, it was said, and used him as freelance agent when he set up T C Coombs.

However, Mr Ramsden, now aged 36, got into difficulties when an administrative error meant that his deals left T C Coombs with a cash shortfall. He was paid no commission and gave T C Coombs power to control his personal finances until the shortfall was made good.

Solicitors for T C Coombs investigated the deals in 1982 and discovered that many of the clients that Mr Ramsden brought to the company were nominee companies under his control.

Mr Arlidge said that the solicitors were critical of both T C Coombs and Mr Ramsden, who is alleged to have failed to pay VAT mainly on retainers and commissions from the firm. The court was told that between 1979 and 1985 his turnover in share dealing came to £3,058,965,417.

Mr Arlidge said that Mr Ramsden paid the outstanding bill of £536,000 for VAT.

The trial continues today.

Breast cancer screen plan

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Many women will be spared the ordeal of surgery to remove their breasts if a planned national screening programme succeeds, a leading specialist told a British Medical Association conference in Jersey yesterday.

The programme to be introduced in the NHS within two years, at an initial cost of £30 million, could eventually save up to 4,000 lives a year, Mr Meirion Thomas, a consultant surgeon at the Westminster and Royal Marsden hospitals said. Many more would not need a mastectomy.

Women aged from 50-65, the age group most at risk from the disease which causes about 14,000 deaths annually will be the beneficiaries. Every year about 24,000 new cases are reported but mortality could be reduced by about 30 per cent through efficient use of the programme.

Mr Thomas said that doctors were worried that as many as four women in 10 may refuse the offer of an X-ray when the system is launched. Research was necessary to discover all the reasons for this.

He urged all eligible women to take part and said in most cases their fears were probably unfounded.

In a study of 32 patients found by screening to have a tumour, none of them required the removal operation.

"It is now much more likely that not only can we save a woman's life, we can save her breasts as well", he said.

"The acceptability of this programme may be improved if women understand that detection of a tumour at an early stage means that treatment will almost certainly not involve a masectomy."

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Winner to celebrate ruby day

Mr Jim Jenkyn, a retired postmaster, plans to make his ruby wedding celebrations in three weeks an extra special occasion thanks to his £2,000 share in the daily Portfolio competition.

Mr Jenkyn, aged 67, of Walkers Green, Marden, Hereford and Worcester, said he had been playing the competition since it started without success.

"It came as a complete surprise, but it will come in useful, as we Cornishmen say. My wife, Betty, and I are celebrating our ruby wedding with our three daughters and this will help us to do it in style."

Also sharing the prize is Mr Barry Oughton, of Lakeside, Tring, Hertfordshire.

TOMORROW

The Times Property Guide

Tomorrow's full-colour, 16-page Times Property Guide describes the appeal of the Alps, the delights of Devon, and the mansion that became smart flats

MP's plea for drugs informant

By Ian Smith

Infiltration of a big drugs network by police was aborted last night and an informant was rushed to a secret address after an MP disclosed details of the undercover operations.

Instead of leading detectives to the masterminds behind a cocaine-smuggling gang planning to import huge consignments of the drug to Britain, the informant, aged 40, was in hiding, under police guard, and in fear of his life.

Mr Barry Sheerman, MP for Huddersfield, yesterday announced details of covert operations already carried out.

Mr Sheerman said he was first approached two months ago by the informant who gave a false name of Pepe Jimanez. The man said he believed the police had reneged on promises to provide him with money, a new name and false identity to start a new life in a foreign country.

The MP said Jimanez told him: "Police say I've provided them with more information in 10 months than they had previously amassed in 20 years. Yet now they are not keeping their word so I'm left to the mercy of murderers hunting me worldwide."

Questions will next week be tabled to Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, demanding to know why police have allegedly not honoured their pledge.

Mr Sheerman said he had been trying "behind the scenes" for two months to obtain justice for the man.

"Finally I felt there was no alternative but to bring this scandalous situation to public attention", he said.

Detective Chief Supt Ronald Sagar, head of Number Three Regional Crime Squad, based in Wakefield, said the informant had been of "immeasurable help" but said the police were alarmed about the revelations on undercover work.

Telecom third in Euro directories contest

By Michael Dynes

British Telecom has come joint third in a survey to nominate the best telephone directory in the EEC.

Each country was invited to submit a sample of a white and of a yellow directory for a panel of judges representing member states to study. Telecom would probably have done better, it is understood, if it had not forgotten the Yellow Pages.

As it was, *The Phone Book A-D (London)* scored highly. Mrs Vivian Peters, director of Britain's Telecommunications Users Association and one of the judges, said: "From an artisitic point of view, Britain's directory came out very well.

"But as a directory serving the capital city, it did not give sufficient information on the city itself, particularly as far as visitors were concerned."

Competition was extremely stiff, Mrs Peters said. Some of the directories had maps and tourist guides.

The winner was the *Hamburg Telephone Directory* from West Germany. Belgium was second, with France and Italy third alongside Britain. Luxembourg pipped Greece for bottom place.

The competition was the idea of a Paris-based consumer organization, the Institute for Economic and Social Research in Telecommunications.

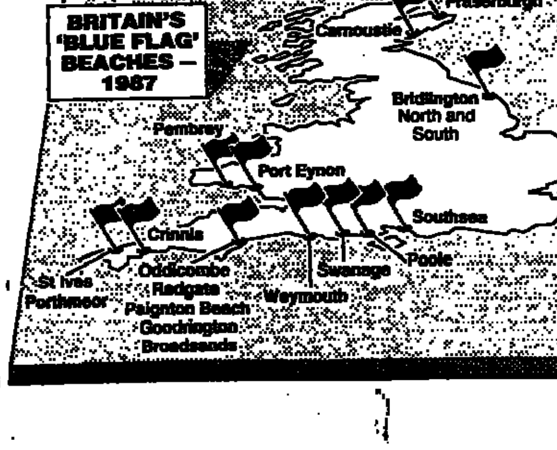
Entries were assessed on the basis of 15 questions designed to evaluate attractiveness, layout, reference keys and provision of emergency numbers.

Resorts are urged to improve beaches

By John Young

A campaign is to be launched next week to persuade more British seaside resorts to clean their beaches.

Last year the Department of the Environment said that 228 out of 368 bathing areas in England, Wales and Northern Ireland met the standards laid down in an EEC directive on water quality. Only 17 beaches, two of them in Scotland, met the "blue flag" criteria stipulated by the European Foundation for Environmental Education.



Nearly half of those inspected had litter or suffered from dog fouling. Thirty per cent lacked litter bins, 15 per cent showed evidence of industrial pollution and 10 per cent were oil polluted.

The flag scheme is organized by the Tidy Britain Group, with the support of the Water Authorities Association. To qualify, a beach must be regularly used by large numbers of people and be managed by its owners.

A beach should be free of industrial or sewage discharges, litter and oil pollution; provide and maintain adequate first aid and sanitary facilities; be equipped with lifeguards, life-saving equipment and public telephones; and be cleaned regularly and supplied with litter bins.

A further requirement this year is that dogs should be banned from the beach during the holiday season. Professor Graham Ashworth, director general of the Tidy Britain Group, said that two of last year's qualifiers would fail this year because the necessary by-laws were not implemented.

The improvement of water quality would unquestionably put pressure on the water authorities themselves, who were responsible for sewage treatment and effluent control, he added. Some resorts, such as Blackpool, were at present unable to meet the quality requirements for reasons beyond their control.

He also agreed that it was more difficult for towns such as Blackpool and Brighton, which had large numbers of visitors, to clear up litter than it was for the smaller resorts.

Assessment of those resorts which applied for a blue flag would be by a mixture of overt and covert methods, he said.

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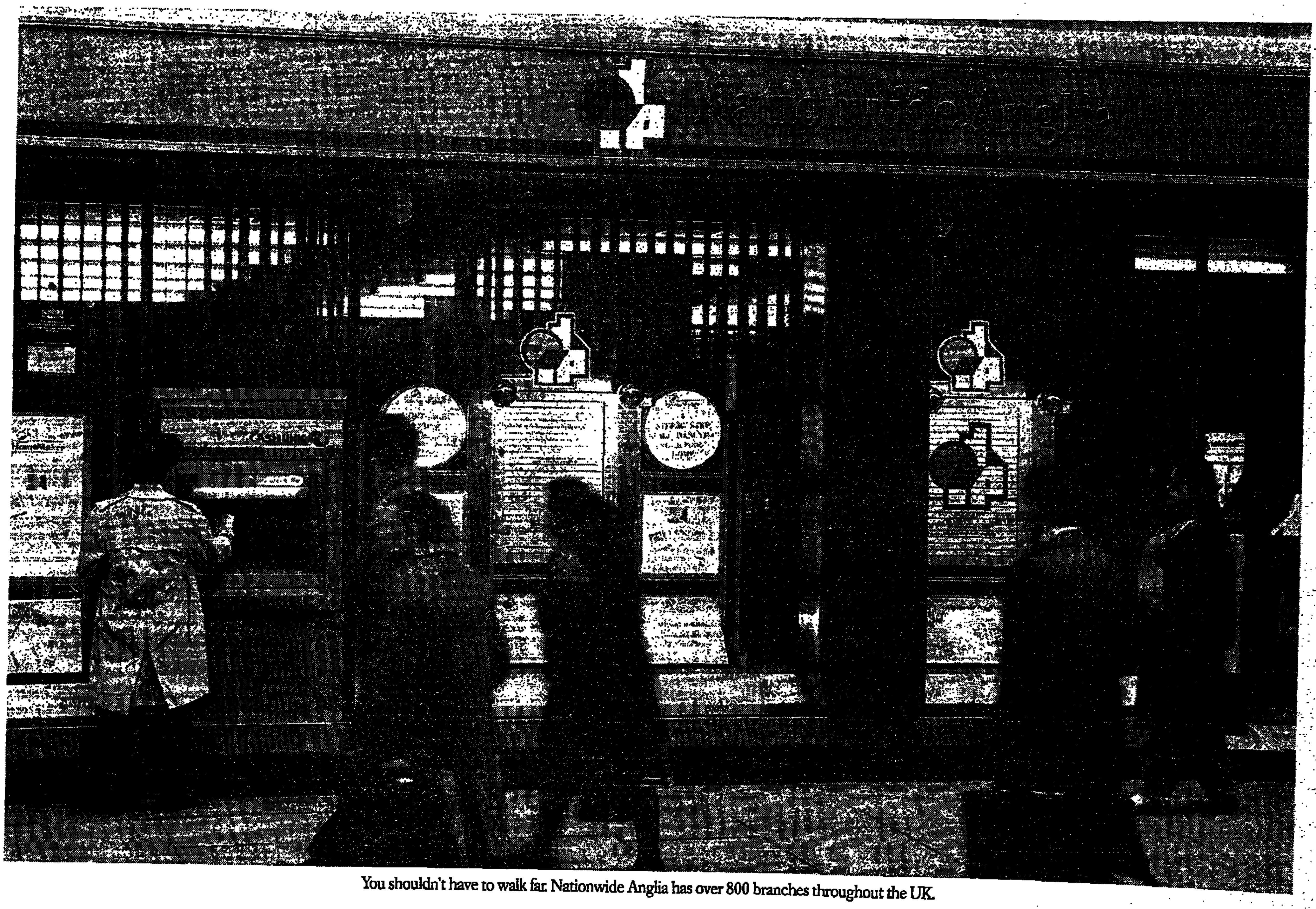

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Antique furniture a better buy than South-east houses

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Market Correspondent

Antique furniture is a better investment than houses in the South-east and more than twice as good as investment in shares, according to a report to be published next month.

The report, *Antique Furniture Prices 1968-1988*, compiled by the Antique Collectors' Club, the fine art publishers, says that an "average" piece of furniture which cost £100 in 1968 is now worth £2,200, an annual increase of 17.5 per cent.

Top performer in the survey was a Regency Bergere armchair, which might have been bought for £30 in 1968 and is now worth £2,150. A seventeenth century walnut kneehole desk increased from £875 to £5,225, just above the rise in the retail price index.

On average, cheaper items did 50 per cent better than expensive pieces, although at varying rates of increase, the report, which is likely to push prices even higher, says.

Mr James Storm, editor of *Antique Collecting* magazine, said the increase had already taken many pieces out of the reach of the average buyer. "It is not just because people pay more for a piece when it turns up, but because increasingly one has to go to expensive shops as the only source of supply", he said.

Mr Alistair Layzell, of the Antique Collectors Club, of Woodbridge, Suffolk, said colleagues including dealers and auctioneers determined the average price rises. However, they were not prepared for such a dramatic increase.

Mr John Andrews, author of the report, said: "We were just amazed at the scale of the increase. You are talking of 20 times compared to six times for the retail price index."

The report concentrates on standard, run-of-the- mill antiques as opposed to record breakers. It is the first of its kind, and will be a revelation to collectors.

Mr Layzell said: "We are the only people just to do it with furniture, and the only people who have taken the same pieces of furniture for 20 years".

The most profitable general category was oak, while the least profitable was walnut. Victorian furniture, which is supposedly popular at present was the second worst performer. However, this may be because it is in plentiful supply.

The report says utility also helped determine prices. The fact that kneehole desks were impractical, even as dressing tables, clearly had some bearing on their value. However, wear and tear could help to make antique furniture more attractive.

Finally, the cult of the individual has hit furniture. Prices can go through the roof for pieces by cabinet makers such as the recently discovered George Bullock.

Mr Storm said the period from 1968 had seen big changes in purchasing patterns. In the past, a collector with a good eye could pick up bargains. Nowadays, they were hard to find.

He said: "The price is likely to be more than the same object in a good shop because the smaller dealer sees good prices so infrequently he thinks them worth more than they are".

Antique furniture was a much safer investment than most "so long as you protect yourself by either knowing what you are buying, or else demanding an invoice which states clearly the date and condition of what you are buying. This gives you reasonable protection in law. No such protection exists on the Stock Exchange."

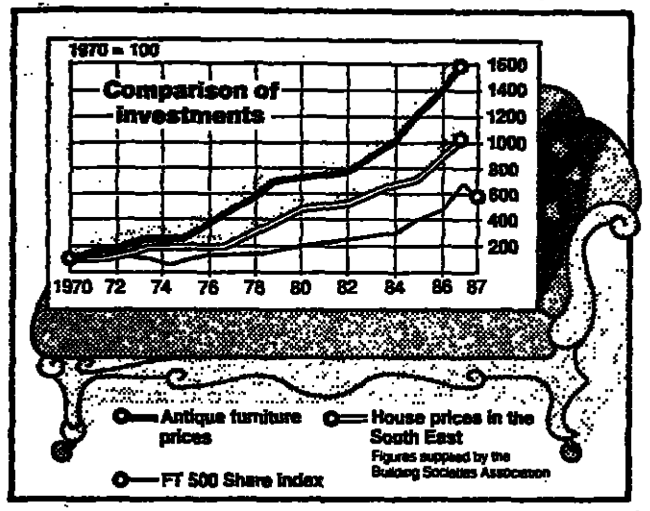
Mr Storm said antique prices pushed forward in cycles of three to five years and then steadied before gaining momentum again.

He said he had observed an apparent connection between the rise in prices and national and world events. "It really looks as though people buy furniture, and hence push up the price, when they feel optimistic, and refrain when times are hard." In the slump of the early 1980s, prices had levelled out for three years.

The report shows that antique furniture prices increased by 1.5 times more than house prices for the South-east, supplied by the Building Societies Association, and more than twice as much as the FT 500 share index after adding 4 per cent per annum for dividends.

Mr Storm said: "The people who bought expensive antique furniture in 1968 may not be the same people or even the same type of people as those buying furniture now, but others have come along who have the money and the willingness to spend it".

Antique Furniture Prices 1968-1988 (Antique Collectors' Club, 5 Church Street, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 1DS; £3.50, available May).



Warhol lure strong as ever

SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

The 10-day Andy Warhol sale at Sotheby's New York, saw the introduction of the pop artist's watches and jewellery on Wednesday.

Three plastic wrist watches, including one bearing the image of Fred Flintstone, sold for $2,640 (£1,404), against a top estimate of $80. Both sections totalled $1.7 million (£900,000) with everything sold.

A pair of ruby and diamond "Honeycomb Heart" earclips, designed and signed by Salvador Dali fetched a top price of $55,000 (£29,255), or five times their estimate.

A more typical pendant by Dali, showing the profile faces of Tristan and Isolde ingeniously separated by a chalice, fetched $47,300 (£25,160) against an estimate of $7,500 to $10,000. A pair of mixed-stone Cartier clip bangles dated about 1940 sold for $41,800 (£22,234), four times over estimate.

Top price in the watches section was $14,300 (£7,606) for a Patek Philippe & Co gold rectangular example dated about 1950, which merely tripled its estimate.

Architectural drawings sold for the prices of respectable watercolours at Sotheby's in London yesterday.

The Victoria and Albert Museum paid £11,000 for a design by Robert Adam for illuminations to celebrate the birthday of King George III.

A rare Charles II ebony veneered "grande sonnerie" bracket clock designed by Joseph Knibb doubled its estimate at Sotheby's clocks and watches sale in London, going for £110,000.

Lawrence Fine Art, the Somerset house, achieved a record for Garnet Wolseley when his painting of a wind-swept girl in a field fetched £19,250, four times estimate.

Finally, Sotheby's sold an elaborate Austrian nineteenth century meerschaum pipe which illustrates Byron's entire epic poem *Mazeppa* for double its estimate, at £8,800 in London.

Lawyers' levy

Solicitors at the Law Society council meeting yesterday approved a £17.5 million levy on the profession to meet a big and unexpected rise in compensation claims as a result of colleagues' dishonesty.

Skeletons find

The discovery of 46 skeletons believed to be of executed criminals at a Saxon grave site in west Norfolk was decribed by the Norfolk Archaeological Unit yesterday as a find of national importance.

Fresh doubt cast on poems

By Alan Hamilton

Professor Peter Levi's claim to have unearthed new poems by Shakespeare is challenged today by an academic who argues that they are more likely to be the work of a hitherto obscure Leicestershire author, Sir William Skipwith.

Writing in *The Times Literary Supplement* Mr James Knowles, a research fellow at Leicester University, argues that the signature on the disputed manuscript is clearly "W Sk", and he says it closely resembles other existing signatures known to be by Skipwith, who was a near neighbour of the Huntingdon family which gave the engagement party at which the verses were performed.

Professor Levi contends that the signature was added by the playwright John Marston to prove Shakespeare's authorship but Mr Knowles argues that even if the signature is by Marston, that offers no evidence for Shakespearian authorship.

"Overall, the circumstantial evidence for Skipwith's authorship of the verses is much stronger than Shakespeare's", Mr Knowles says.

Ascribing the verses to Skipwith, Mr Knowles admits, is not new; the suggestion was made as long ago as 1845 by the author, Joseph Hunter, and the Skipwith theory is supported by Mr Isaac Shapiro, of the Shakespeare Institute at Birmingham University.

District profile: Trafford

Grammar schools remain a live issue

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

LOCAL ELECTIONS

Just as the globe and the nation can be divided in politics and prosperity along north/south lines, so can Trafford, the metropolitan borough carved at the last reorganization out of the Greater Manchester conurbation and the north Cheshire commuter belt.

The north is inner city. From the Stretford end at Manchester United's ground at Old Trafford the vista is council estates, the Ship Canal, and not far away the huge half-derelict Trafford Park, where an enterprise zone and an urban development has been established to promote industrial regeneration.

The south is small town salubriousness. Altrincham, Hale and Bowdon hanker still after the Cheshire connection. The south, unsurprisingly, is Conservative; the party has 27 members of the council. The north is solid Labour, with28 members. In between are Trafford's Social and Liberal Democrats, whose seven councillors have supported Labour during the past couple of years since it became the leading party. Most controversially, the Democrats have backed Labour's plans for secondary education in the borough, which will replace the grammar and secondary modern schools with comprehensives.

"It's a burning issue", according to the Conservative leader, Colin Warbrick, citing a 10,000 signature petition against reorganization.

Labour lost seats on the education issue last year, but this time it is expressing its pride in increased spending on schools and social services. Mr Barry Brotherton, the council leader, hopes that Trafford will be immune this year from a factor in last year's elections — the Manchester effect, in which public suspicion of the Labour group on Manchester City Council spills over to take votes from the more moderate Labour neighbours.

Labour has entered no formal pact with the Liberals, (with whom the former Social Democrats are very much the junior partners) but they both hope to gain from residents' suspicions about poll tax and social security. Mr John Davenport, the Liberal leader, said: "Lots of people are concerned because it will affect their pockets. We could pick up votes on this issue."

Cohabitation between Liberals and Labour has, both say, worked well. But the Liberals are anxious not to be too strongly identified with the left. The Tories, Mr Davenport said, have recently been trying to politicize every issue, to create an atmosphere forcing them into supporting Labour. The Tory aim is a four seat gain from the Liberals, quite enough to put the south once more in control of Trafford.

Tomorrow: Craven, North Yorkshire

Young musicians ready for grand final

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The four class winners of the Young Musician of the Year competition (from left), Jennifer Sturgeon, aged 13, who won the wind section, David Pyatt, aged 14, brass David Horne, aged 17, piano, and Paul Watkins, aged 18, strings, at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester, yesterday. They are preparing for the grand final at the city's Free Trade Hall on Sunday, when it will be broadcast on BBC2 (Photograph: Graham Wood).

Whitehall men join defence firms

Ministry refusal to supply full details

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

The Ministry of Defence had repeatedly refused to supply full details of senior officers and Civil Servants who left to join defence contractors and other private companies, the Commons select committee on defence said yesterday.

The committee said in a report that it found the limited information which the ministry had agreed to supply as "disturbing".

The MPs demanded a new system of openness about such appointments. This was the only way to allay inevitable public suspicion when those who were involved in awarding big government defence contracts subsequently went to work for defence contractors, they said.

According to the figures released by the ministry, senior defence staff account for a disproportionate number of applications to take up outside appointments which are referred to the Prime Minister's advisory committee on business appointments.

The majority of these applications are for jobs with defence companies.

The Cabinet Office and the advisory committee have the power to block appointments for up to two years after an employee has left the Civil Service.

However, no restrictions were imposed in 43 per cent of cases where applicants had contractual dealings with the company they wished to join. There appeared to be little consistency in the treatment of individuals in apparently similiar circumstances.

One applicant with "overall responsibility" for awarding a contract had been given unconditional permission to take up a consultancy. Other applicants with "indirect responsibility" for awarding contracts had been blocked for between three months and two years.

The figures suggested that the ministry had markedly tightened procedures once it realized it was under outside scrutiny. The MPs conclude: "The evidence put before us relating to the MoD does not demonstrate that the movement of crown servants to industry is in the public interest, or that the rules ensure its propriety".

The committee reserved its strongest criticism for the ministry's refusal to supply it with full details of which officers and Civil Servants had gone to which companies and under what conditions.

The MPs rejected the ministry's argument that the information, which it had sought repeatedly for three years, was confidential. "As far as personal confidentiality is concerned, we do not accept that where public interest and private interest are opposed the public should give way to the private", they said.

Defence Committee: Business Appointments (Stationery Office; £8.80).

A number of former top-ranking defence staff are heading big defence companies. Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson, former Controller of the Navy, responsible for overall procurement from 1981 to 1984, has been deputy chairman of Marconi since last year. Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo, chief executive of British Aerospace, retired as vice-chief of naval staff in 1978. Sir Frank Cooper, chairman of United Scientific Holdings since 1985, was permanent secretary at the Ministry of Defence until 1982. General Sir Harry Tuzo, Deputy Supreme Allied Commander in Europe until 1978, became chairman of Marconi Space and Defence Systems in 1979. Mr Kenneth Slater, former director of the Admiralty Surface Weapons Establishment, became director of engineering for Marconi Underwater Systems in 1984. Sir Brian Tovey, former director of GCHQ, Cheltenham, became director of Plessey Defence Systems in 1983.

Survey supports loan scheme

Students better off despite grant fall

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Students are 5 per cent better off on average than they were five years ago, in spite of a 21 per cent fall in the value of their grant, according to a survey of undergraduate income and expenditure commissioned by the Government, whose proposals will be published in the summer.

The Government is expected to draw on the survey's findings to support its case for introducing a system of loans to supplement student grants.

The improvement in students' living standards between 1982-83 and 1986-87 is because of a massive 86 per cent increase in parental contributions and greater reliance on housing benefit, the survey says.

In 1986-87, the average student lived on £2,800, made up of a grant of £1,120, a parental contribution of £1.227 and a mixture of benefits, gifts and earnings.

The survey is based on detailed interviews with nearly 1,900 undergraduates in 60 universities, colleges and polytechnics.

Thirty seven per cent of students whose parents were required after means testing to contribute to their maintenance did not receive the contribution in full, compared with 46 per cent in 1982-83. The poorest 17 per cent came from two-parent professional homes.

The survey found that students spend an average of £500 a year on entertainment, including £320 on alcohol. By contrast, spending on books, equipment and stationery averaged £172, with the better off spending 38 per cent more than the poorest. "This relationship between income and course expenses may be a cause for concern", the report says. "Performance might well be affected by this difference."

Methodios letter tells of church rift

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Editor

Archbishop Methodios, the deposed leader of the Greek Orthodox community in Britain, has admitted in his farewell message that he had found "great difficulty" in some of his dealings with the Church of England.

He also acknowledges that he was open to criticism for his lack of interest in such bodies as the British Council of Churches.

The archbishop was dismissed earlier this month on the orders of the Ecumenical Patriarch, Demetrios I, and the Ecumenical synod of Constantinople, which accused him of "coveting other thrones" and of "unseemly and improper behaviour". He was summarily replaced as Archbishop of Thyateira and Great Britain by his senior deputy, Bishop (now Archbishop) Gregorios.

Archbishop Methodios has issued a long pastoral letter which he hopes will be read in all the churches of the Greek Orthodox community. It is largely a record of his career in Britain and does not attempt to answer the specific charges against him.

The letter expresses his loyalty to the Ecumenical Patriarch and the warmth of his feelings for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie.

In spite of his great personal reluctance to do so, he adds, he has often grieved Dr Runcie "with my uncompromising attitude to the liberal tendencies which are being promoted within the Church of England".

He was until earlier this year the Orthodox co-chairman of the official Anglican Orthodox theological commission, and he says: "I confess I carried out my work in this theological dialogue with great difficulty. I am no longer confronted with the old Anglican Communion which I knew when I wrote in Manchester my book, *Orthodoxy, Roman Catholicism and Anglicanism*."

Weekend food prices

Salmon no longer rare treat

Scottish salmon farms have created a whole new market for the king of fish, and a once rare treat is becoming increasingly familiar. With summer in prospect it is a tempting choice for lunch and dinner parties, as it is easy to cook and can be served in so many ways.

According to the Scottish Salmon Information Service a whole fish can be bought for about £2.99 a lb and steaks for £4.40 a lb, but prices do vary between areas.

The recent warm spring weather has ensured abundant supplies of many other species. Plaice is an excellent buy at £2.35 a lb as are brill at £1.90 and lemon sole at £2.35. At the more expensive end of the market are halibut at about £5.90 a lb, turbot £4 and Dover sole £4.90. Shellfish includes fresh dressed spider crabs from Jersey at about £3 each.

For a large family meal over the holiday weekend rib of beef on the bone is excellent value at an average £1.62 a lb. Boneless rib is about £1.94 and sirloin on the bone £2.68. New season British lamb, a traditional springtime favourite ranges widely between £1.38 and £2.20 a lb for whole shoulder and between £2.50 and £3.20 for whole leg, so watch out for the best prices.

Pork is as always, superb value and many supermarkets and butcher chains have special offers this week. Best buys include Dewhurst whole leg of pork 89p a lb, pork pack 69p a lb and fresh chicken portions 79p a lb. Tesco fresh stuffed chickens 89p a lb, fresh sirloin steak £2.49 a lb, fresh boneless loin steak £1.69. Presto leg of pork, whole or a half 89p a lb and centre cut leg of pork £1.18 a lb. Sainsbury's New Zealand lamb whole shoulders down 20p to 62p a lb and Sainsbury's pork loin chops bone in £1.18 a lb. Standard frozen roasting chickens up to 3½lb in weight 42p a lb.

In spite of all the warm weather the best is yet to come in the way of salad vegetables. Good quality cucumbers are 22p-55p each and round lettuces 20p-33p, but hothouse tomatoes are expensive at 80p-£1.10 a lb.

Winter vegetables will be coming to an end soon but there are still plenty of good cabbages at between 17p and 35p a lb and cauliflowers 25p-60p each.

New Zealand Coxes apples are slightly soft texture but lovely flavour at 50p-60p a lb. Chilean Granny Smiths 35p-50p and Cape Golden Delicious 35p-55p are also recommended.

Attack on vehicle tax dodgers

A campaign to catch motorists failing to tax their vehicles wil be launched on Tuesday. Last year a similar crackdown conducted by the police and officials from the Driver and Vehicle Licence Centre, Swansea, led 211,000 drivers to retax their cars, providing £15.75 million in revenue.

Some 356,000 motorists were prosecuted last year for failing to display a valid tax disc, paying £23.6 million in fines and back tax. An estimated £105 million is lost annually through evasion.

Bull Ring goes

Birmingham City Council planners have granted outline planning permission for a £250 million shopping mall to replace the city's Bull Ring Shopping Centre, which is to be demolished.

Driving plea

Eric Skelton, who is 6ft 10in tall and weighs 32 stone, avoided a driving ban yesterday for driving without insurance for a third time after magistrates at Newark, Nottingham, were told his size meant he would be unable to travel by bus or taxi.

Doctor resigns

Dr Gillian Cardy, the family planning specialist who was suspended earlier this year for talking to the media about health service cuts but then reinstated in the wake of protests from colleagues, has resigned from her job with Bath health authority.

Police injury

Supt Stuart Bowron was treated for whiplash injuries yesterday after the police car in which he was travelling braked to avoid anti-nuclear protesters and was hit by a cruise missile vehicle at Greenham Common, Berkshire.

Parish call

Representatives of more tha 7,500 parish councils, the smallest unit of local government, are scheduled to petition the Prime Minister today for extra powers.

Welsh protest

Two members of the Welsh Language Society were conditionally discharged at Llandudno Magistrates' Court yesterday for breaking a window at the offices of Mr Wyn Roberts, Minister of State at the Welsh Office, as part of their campaign.

Jail riot film

A video film of a prison officer being led by a chain around his neck and waist on the roof of Peterhead prison, Grampian, was shown to a High Court jury yesterday in the trial of four prisoners charged after riots last October.

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Artist sold 2,500 fake masterpieces

Bonn (AP) — A West German painter produced about 2,500 fake art masterpieces that were sold for millions of marks over 13 years in what is one of Europe's biggest art scandals. Herr Edgar Mrugalla's fakes were sold for between 30 and 40 million marks (£9.5 to £13 million), mostly to art collectors and dealers across West Germany, according to prosecutors.

But the self-taught artist, aged 49, never made much money from his fakes, selling nearly all of them for relatively low prices to two art dealers in Düsseldorf and Wiesbaden. They sold the works at huge mark-ups and kept the money. Two of the fakes are in museums, one in West Berlin and the other in a regional museum in northern West Germany.

Bank workers strike

Lagos (AFP) — Bank and insurance workers in Lagos are striking in protest against an increase in the price of petroleum products which came into effect on April 10. Labour sources said that the strike could be joined today by nurses, midwives and other health workers as well as petrol, gas and water supply workers unions.

Some large banks in the Nigerian capital were closed on Wednesday, while at others only senior members of staff were present for administrative work. A bank union official said that workers are also protesting against the Government's dissolution of the executive of the Nigeria Labour Congress on February 29. The duration of the strike, the official said, will depend on how soon the Government takes action to settle union grievances. A government source said the authorities would react to the strike action at the appropriate time.

Singapore releases 8

Singapore (Reuter) — Eight former prisoners who were re-arrested last week have withdrawn claims that they were tortured while in detention last year. In a statement the Singapore Government said it was dropping plans to conduct a commission of inquiry into the allegations.

It said the eight former detainees and their lawyer, who were arrested on April 19, affirmed in sworn statutory declarations that their allegations of torture were "fabricated" to discredit the Government. The eight were arrested one day after they issued a signed statement claiming they were tortured while in detention last year. They also denied allegations they were involved in a Marxist conspiracy to overthrow the Government.

North Cyprus crisis

Nicosia (AP) — The head of the breakaway Turkish republic of northern Cyprus resigned yesterday after a disagreement with a coalition party demanding more seats in the Cabinet. Mr Dervis Eroglu submitted his government's resignation to President Rauf Denktas, who was expected to ask Mr Eroglu to form a new government. The government, formed in September, 1986, was a coalition of Mr Eroglu's centre-right National Unity Party and the right-wing New Birth Party of mainland settlers.

The chairman of the New Birth Party, which had only one seat in the parliament, demanded that three more ministerial posts be given to members of his party in order to continue the party's partnership in the coalition.

Grapefruit cleared

Rome (Reuter) — A senior Italian scientist said yesterday that Israeli grapefruit at the centre of a poison scare contained no toxic substances and that a government ban on grapefruit sales could be lifted. Professor Vincenzo Longo, a senior pharmacologist at the government Health Institute, said tests on six grapefruit found injected with a bright blue substance proved negative. Signor Longo said the blue substance was a harmless colourant. While a group of laboratory mice died after being fed the grapefruit in earlier tests, Signor Longo said those mice very probably died from being fed too much grapefruit.

Oil drives Iraq's economy but jams roads

From Paul Vallely
Baghdad

Even when three missiles a day were falling on Baghdad earlier this year, more people were being killed on the roads here than in the war.

Iraqis are not the world's best drivers. There are eight times more road deaths per vehicle in Iraq than in the United States, one mesmerized American resident told me.

Moreover, the roads in Iraq are never empty. The six-lane highways out of the capital are constantly jammed with traffic, much of it heavy lorries and tankers. With its main port at Basra closed by Iranian bombardment and access limited at the secondary Gulf port of Um Kasr, the vast bulk of imports and exports are carried by road.

About 250,000 barrels of oil are exported by lorry through Jordan and Turkey daily. For an oil-producing country this was, at one point, a severe restriction, especially after Syria, in support of Iran, closed one of Iraq's two main pipelines to the sea. Oil sales dropped from a prewar level of 3.5 million barrels per day to only 0.65 million at the worst point in 1982. The economic problems this caused were compounded as Iraq continued to spend during the first three years of the war as it had done before. By 1983 expensive development projects had eaten away its entire $35 billion (almost £20 billion) reserves and created substantial debts.

By 1986, the economy was in crisis. The war, which was costing as much as $1 billion a month, had eased after the early years of fierce fighting and large offensives, but the national debt had risen to $55 billion. That year, the price of oil fell below $10 a barrel.

Iraq stopped honouring its letters of credit, which meant that many foreigners refused to trade and imports were severely reduced. The country began to default on repayments, and entered a complex series of rescheduling negotiations. Yet this year, with the national debt at $60 billion (not including weapons purchases) and the war eating up $7 billion of an estimated income of around $13 billion, all the economic analysts here agree that things are looking a lot brighter.

There are five main reasons. Firstly, Iraq has two new pipelines. As well as boosting its original line across Turkey, it has built a second which opened last June. A third now exists across Saudi Arabia and a fourth is being built.

Secondly, the price of oil has rallied, and the US dollar (in which oil prices are fixed) is more stable. Thirdly, Iraq has slashed its import bill by as much as two-thirds. Fourthly, much of the debt has been rescheduled, although the terms are not as generous as Iraq had hoped for. And the country is once more honouring its letters of credit.

But the most interesting element in the recovery is President Saddam Hussein's internal reform package — a programme which one diplomat here described as "pure Thatcherism". For a regime which is nominally socialist and models its political, security and economic systems on the Soviet Union the reforms are dramatic.

The President has cut away an entire level of bureaucracy between ministries and the managers of the state-owned oil, date, and electricity industries. Other industries which are regarded as non-strategic are being privatized. The effects are already evident in transport, distribution and, most noticeably, agriculture. Price controls, quota systems and other regulations have been abolished. Farmers have the incentive to produce more, and the shops and bazaars are full.

Improved private distribution has eliminated the shortages of soap powder, butter, milk, chickens, and even tea and rice, which were common. Incentives have been created for increased private enterprise. Merchants, under a recent decree, are allowed to import without a licence, provided they buy with savings abroad. "No questions will be asked" about the provenance of caches in the foreign banks.

Most remarkably for a state which has no less than three security organizations, another presidential decree has instructed the police and security forces not to interfere with traders and shopkeepers.

In addition to increased efficiency and import substitution, the initiative is saving $500 million annually which it formerly gave in subsidies on staple foods and transport. "The economy is considerably more bouyant than last year," an economist said. "We may even be coming into another boom period."

There are some clouds in the sky. Turkey, which is owed $1.8 billion, has since the beginning of this month suspended all future credits. Though debt rescheduling has been settled with the French (on favourable terms to Paris, for the French supply Mirage jets to Iraq) and with West Germany (whose contractors want to be in Iraq's good books if the boom comes), the situation is less than happy with the Japanese, who are owed well more than $2 billion. Moreover, 1989 is crunch year for much of the debt. Many loans come to maturity then.

Nevertheless, most of the financial community seems prepared to bear with Iraq. A Western financial expert said: "The country has 100 billion barrels of oil in reserve. Oil experts say it probably has the largest oil reserves in the world, they just haven't found it all yet."

Iraq also has 12 million hectares between the Tigris and the Euphrates of the most fertile agricultural land in the Middle East. It has a comparatively well-educated population. Its true potential can never be realized while the Gulf War continues. But the last year has shown that, so long as oil prices hold, some progress can be made.

Chirac prepares to outlaw Kanak group

From Mark Baker, Nouméa, and Philip Jacobson, Paris

A gendarme saluting the coffin of a colleague yesterday who was hacked to death by Kanak rebels on Ouvéa last week.

The French Minister for Overseas Departments and Territories, M Bernard Pons, said in Nouméa last night that he intended to outlaw the main independence party in New Caledonia because it was involved in political violence and the kidnapping of 24 gendarmes and a prosecutor.

He said police had told him that the Kanak Socialist National Liberation Front was implicated in violence, including the hacking to death of four French gendarmes last Friday.

He will propose to the French Cabinet that the separatist group be dissolved, making membership of it a crime. The move is likely to create fresh politial tensions in Paris, where campaigning is continuing in the French presidential election.

Such a decree would require a Council of Ministers meeting and the approval of both the Prime Minister, M Jacques Chirac, and President Mitterrand, rivals for the presidency.

M Léopold Joredie, secretary-general of the Union Caledonienne, the main group in the Kanak Socialist National Liberation Front, said: "The only way to suppress the demands of the Kanaks is to eliminate us all."

France began to airlift 250 marines to reinforce its troops as the Kanak rebellion spread further into the Loyalty Islands. Armed Melanesians built roadblocks to prevent troops reaching a besieged police station on the island of Maré. French officials said that there had been shooting on the island, where an undisclosed number of gendarmes were barricaded in the police station.

Earlier, separatists on Ouvéa freed the head of France's anti-terrorist squad captured after a French magistrate and six gendarmes stumbled into a trap and were taken prisoner to join 16 gendarmes held hostage in a cave by 15 Kanaks.

Official sources said that Captain Philippe Legorjus, head of the National Gendarmerie Intervention Group, persuaded his captors to free him to negotiate the fate of his comrades and the state prosecutor, M Jean Bianconi.

M Pons attended the funeral in Nouméa for three gendarmes hacked to death during an attack on a police barracks at Ouvéa six days ago, when the first group of hostages was taken.

French flags draped the coffins and prayers were said during the emotional service for the safety of the people now being held.

The impact of the crisis in New Caledonia on the final stage of the French presidential election camapaign was again evident in Paris.

Sources close to M Chirac said that he would announce today whether the Government would seek to outlaw the Kanak separatist organization. The request for an immediate ban by M Pons came as M Chirac was preparing for his television confrontation with M Mitterrand.

The Government's extreme sensitivity to what it terms "outside interefence" in the South Pacific territory was also evident again yesterday. New Zealand's Ambassador in Paris, Mrs Judith Trotter, was summoned to the Foreign Ministry for the same sharp rebuke her Australian counterpart received on Wednesday. Ministry sources said Mrs Trotter was firmly informed of France's "astonishment" at recent comments by New Zealand's Prime Minister, Mr David Lange.

In considering whether to seek the dissolution of the separatist movement, which can only be done by the Council of Ministers, M Chirac faces a tricky strategic decision. It appears that M Mitterrand alone can summon the council and that his signature will be required for any decree.

It is no secret that M Mitterrand disagrees strongly with the Government's handling of the New Caledonia issue, which was denounced by the head of the Socialist parliamentary group as "risky and unreasonable".

Another indication of the domestic political tension caused by the crisis was the writ for defamation issued yesterday by M Jean-Louis Bianco, a senior presidential aide at the Elysée Palace, in the wake of comments by the secretary-general of M Chirac's party.

In a radio interview, M Patrick Devedjian had asserted that the renewed campaign of violence by the separatists came after a meeting between M Bianco and separatist leaders a few days ago. "They clearly received encouragement from high places," he alleged.

The Defence Minister, M André Giraud, emphasized yesterday that "no solution is possible until the hostages have been set free." Although he believed the situation was becoming less tense, M Giraud said that the authority of the state had to be restored.

M Giraud declined to comment on how the anti-terrorist team, specially trained in dealing with hostage takers, had come to be captured by a lightly-armed separatist unit.

Jackson keeps party guessing

Geoffrey Smith

Philadelphia
The most critical question in American politics at this moment is whether Mr Michael Dukakis can reach an understanding with the Rev Jesse Jackson. No Democratic candidate can win the presidency without strong support from black voters, and no Democrat is likely to get the black vote this year without the full backing of Mr Jackson.

The question is put most simply and crudely in terms of whether Mr Jackson will be Mr Dukakis's running mate. But I would be astounded if that were to happen.

Mr Dukakis must know that that would destroy his chances of getting to the White House. For all Mr Jackson's successes with Democratic primary voters, the American electorate is not prepared to have him one step from the presidency.

Quest for respect and influence

Nor is he in quite such a strong position to exercise pressure after his heavy defeat in the Pennsylvania primary this week. My impression was that something of the steam had gone out of the Jackson campaign after his defeat in New York.

The strength of his campaign has lain in his ability to mobilize the black vote, in his appeal to the white protest vote as the most left-wing of the candidates, in being the most magnetic speaker in a field not distinguished for its rhetoric, and in the eagerness of white liberals to vote for a serious black candidate.

As his success far exceeded expectations, so the campaign was buoyed up by the intoxicating hope that the incredible was about to happen. Now it is clear that it cannot happen, there is inevitably some sense of deflation. But that does not rob his performance of its significance.

I would doubt if Mr Jackson himself even wants to be the vice-presidential candidate. He would be subjected to inhibiting restraints, never speaking out of turn, and then risk incurring the blame himself if the Democrats were defeated. I have not detected among his more experienced supporters any serious drive to make him the running mate.

Nor do I believe that he is seeking the promise of a cabinet post. That also would be too confining. So what is in prospect is not a traditional deal where the allegiance of a powerful politician is bought by the offer of a place. To expect that would seem to me to mistake both Mr Jackson's interest and the nature of his campaign. It has reached the stage where it appears to be as much a quest for respect and influence as for votes.

Perhaps it always has been. He told one of his supporters early on that what mattered was to play in the Super Bowl, not necessarily to win it. In other words, what he wants is to be a central member of the Democratic establishment, to be consulted and to influence appointments rather than to be appointed himself.

If this is his wish it is a realistic one. He may succeed in opening political doors for blacks in America through which it would not be possible for him to pass himself. But he is more likely to be influential in the team if he is a team player. It will be in his personal interest to do everything he can to win the presidency for the Democrats.

Mr Gerald Austin, Mr Jackson's national campaign manager, told me that he expected him to be campaigning very enthusiastically for whoever the candidate is. He went on to say that Mr Jackson did not believe he should have a veto over who is the vice-presidential candidate and that there will not be difficulty in persuading Mr Jackson to support someone who would strengthen the ticket.

So I do not think it should be too hard for Mr Dukakis and Mr Jackson to reach an understanding. But there may still be difficulty in persuading black voters that their man has not been cheated when he is the runner-up but not the running-mate. It may therefore be critical for Mr Jackson to exclude himself from the ticket before Mr Dukakis has to exclude him.

US pressure for cost-sharing

Nato nearer to nuclear accord

From Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent, Brussels

Nato governments yesterday took another tentative step towards modernizing nuclear weapons systems in Europe with an agreement by defence ministers in Brussels to endorse the development of new missiles. But the choice of weapons and decisions on deployment were left aside.

Mr Frank Carlucci, the US Defence Secretary, speaking after his first Nato Nuclear Planning Group meeting said that he could return to Washington with a message for Congress that America's allies supported "a full exploration" of all the possibilities for replacing the existing short-range Lance missile and selecting an air-to-surface stand-off weapon.

But he emphasized that the fundamental principle of the Alliance was to share "in the cost of deterrence as well as its benefits".

To underline the point that the Alliance could not escape paying the bills for nuclear deterrence in Europe, he then revealed that he is sending Mr William Taft, his deputy secretary, to Europe shortly to consult allied governments about "the responsibility and risks" of a common defence strategy. Congress, he said, was showing a particular interest in this issue and Mr Taft would be reporting back as soon as he had returned from Europe.

The clear implication of Mr Carlucci's remarks was that Washington intends to keep up the pressure on Nato allies over modernizing the nuclear weapons systems deployed with allied forces in Europe.

Although the United States is examining a number of weapons systems for its own forces, Washington wanted a firm nod of approval from Europe to demonstrate solidarity on this key issue of modernization.

At the meeting, allies, particularly West Germany, who had previously expressed political alarm at the prospect of authorizing a nuclear modernization programme so soon after the signing of the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty, were content to support the development of systems without having to accept any date for deployment.

This "step by step" approach, which has been characteristic of Nato's strategy for years, has let the doubters off the hook, but has also given the Americans, strongly backed by Britain, the assurance that when the day of decision comes, the West Germans will go along with deployment of the new systems on their soil.

Mr Carlucci indicated confidence that he could persuade Congress to back development of a successor to Lance. Although there are "four or five" systems under examination at present, the favourite is a nuclear version of the US Army Tactical Missile System, although Congress will have to lift a restriction before development could go ahead.

Under a long-standing military requirement drawn up by the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, currently General John Galvin, the Lance missile is recommended for replacement in about 1992 and a new stand-off air-launched cruise missile for Nato dual-capable aircraft in the mid to late 1990s.

Yesterday Mr Carlucci emphasized that modernization was already under way. He said: "Dual-capable aircraft are being modernized. Nuclear artillery is being modernized. In terms of Lance, there has been a decision that there should be a Lance follow-on.

"We haven't yet determined what the range should be, nor what the requirements are. But we are some time away from any deployment decision, so there is no need for the Alliance as such to make any decision right now."

The communiqué published after the meeting outlines the new spirit of agreement over modernization. It says: "We have confirmed that the forces remaining after the INF treaty must be kept survivable, responsive and effective and structured in an adequate and balanced way. We also endorse our step-by-step approach towards the measures necessary to achieve our objectives and have provided further guidance on the way ahead."

Much of the language of the communiqué echoed the statement after the Nato summit last month, including the emphasis on keeping nuclear forces "up to date where necessary", a phrase that appeared to satisfy Mrs Thatcher at the time, even though she fought hard for the word "modernization" to be put in the text.

Mr Carlucci would not be drawn yesterday on the options for "retasking" current nuclear assets.

On Wednesday, the defence ministers had been given an extensive intelligence briefing on the steps being taken by the Soviet Union to restructure its nuclear forces.

How Thatcher scuppered US Navy

From Michael Binyon, Washington, and Michael Evans, Brussels

President Reagan's controversial decision to allow Canada to buy British submarines using American-designed nuclear technology was taken in the teeth of strong opposition from the US Navy, and mainly because Mrs Thatcher used her considerable influence with him, American officials have made clear.

The decision, which has caused a big stir here in the light of previous American refusals to share its sensitive naval nuclear technology with any ally apart from Britain, was taken because of the close ties between the US and Britain and Canada. Opposition to the US technology transfer waiver was strong within the Defence Department and among some congressmen.

The US has emphasized, however, that this exception will not be repeated for any other country, and the ban on the transfer of submarine nuclear technology remains.

Although the US Congress still has to approve an amendment to the 1958 Anglo-American Co-operation Treaty, President Reagan's endorsement was seen by British officials as the final big hurdle. British officials at the Nato Nuclear Planning Group meeting in Brussels, felt that President Reagan's decision was a sign that the US would prefer Canada to buy the British Trafalgar Class submarines rather than the smaller French Rubis Class boats.

The role that Mrs Thatcher's special relationship with Mr Reagan played was underlined by Mr Brian Mulroney, the Canadian Prime Minister in remarks to American reporters last Friday.

Mr George Younger the Secretary of State for Defence, speaking in Brussels yesterday, said: "I've expressed my great appreciation to the President and to Mr Carlucci (the US Defence Secretary) and his colleagues for their extremely positive and helpful attitude to this matter."

The Canadian contract, expected to be awarded by the summer, is worth about £4 billion. Trafalgar Class submarines are currently built by the Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering Company in Barrow-in-Furness. If Britain wins the contract, the first submarine would be built at Barrow and the rest in Canada, with Vickers' expertise.

Ligachov's future in doubt as he misses meetings

From Our Correspondent, Moscow

The absence of Mr Yegor Ligachov, the Kremlin second in command, at two Communist Party meetings on ideology — his sphere — sparked fresh speculation yesterday that his responsibilities had been taken over by a close associate of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader.

Rumours had circulated earlier this month that Mr Ligachov, aged 67, had lost at least part of his portfolio to Mr Alexandr Yakolev, Mr Gorbachov's ally, after an apparently unsuccessful conservative challenge to reform mounted by the daily newspaper *Sovietskaya Rossiya*.

At a press conference, Mr Vadim Perfiliyev, a Foreign Ministry spokesman, refused to comment on Mr Ligachov's absence from the meetings on Wednesday, saying that he had already denied last week that there had been a "redistribution of duties" within the Politburo.

Pravda said yesterday that Mr Yakolev, who is the Politburo member responsible for propaganda, had spoken at a meeting here on Wednesday attended by national and regional media officials.

Mr Ligachov, however, is the official Communist Party ideological watchdog, whose duties are said to include supervision of the press and television.

Mr Yakolev also attended the opening of a conference devoted to history, which would determine how historians and writers should reflect *perestroika* (restructuring) in their work.

Mr Ligachov, reputedly a conservative hardliner, was also believed to oversee historical orientation through his ideological portfolio.

Mr Ligachov met Mr Joe Slovo, the South African Communist Party leader, on Wednesday and was not on the list of participants at either meeting reported by *Pravda*.

The Kremlin second in command was said to have had a hand in the March 13 article in *Sovietskaya Rossiya*, signed by Nina Andreyeva, a Leningrad chemist, which complained about attacks against Stalin and warned that *perestroika* was moving away from Communist principles by encouraging liberalization.

Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, last Friday denied Western reports of a rift between Mr Gorbachov and Mr Ligachov, the same day that the latter reappeared in public after a three-week absence. He was seen on television chatting and joking with Mr Gorbachov at a ceremony marking Lenin's birthday.

The exact responsibilities of Mr Yakolev and Mr Ligachov have always been unclear, as Mr Yakolev's official propaganda portfolio overlaps with Mr Ligachov's overall ideological duties.

Western diplomats expressed surprise that Mr Ligachov had not attended Wednesday's meeting. "It's his patch after all," one said. But they cautioned that it was "too early" to deduce that there had been a permanent shift in responsibilities.

Meanwhile, the debate between the conservatives and the reforming wings of the party burst into the open again yesterday with the publication of an article in the same vein as the *Sovietskaya* piece, bitterly criticizing supporters of *perestroika*.

The commentary in *Molodaya Gvardiya* was the first conservative anti-*perestroika* manifesto to be published since April 5 when *Pravda*, in an editorial in which Mr Gorbachov is said to have collaborated, repudiated the *Sovietskaya Rossiya* article.

The debate between the conservatives and reformers continues while preparations are made for a key conference in June, at which the progress of Mr Gorbachov's reforms will be assessed.

Arab protest strike brings an uneasy quiet to Bethlehem

From Ian Murray, Bethlehem

Huge boulders and wrecked cars blocked the main road up to the Manger yesterday as Bethlehem observed another general strike ordered by the underground leadership of the Palestinian "intifada" (uprising). Oil had been poured on some of the steep roads in the town centre, making driving difficult, and except for a few Israeli Army patrols the streets were deserted.

Like everywhere else in the occupied territories, the town was at a standstill as Palestinians obeyed their secret orders to stop work and close businesses as another sign of protest over the killing in Tunis of Abu Jihad.

The strike, the most rigidly observed so far, came just as Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, said that he believed the Army was beginning to bring the four-and-a-half month old "intifada" under control. The closed shutters along the streets of Bethlehem indicate that he may have spoken too soon.

Although Bethlehem is so far the only place where Palestinians have killed an Iraeli soldier since the start of the disturbances in December, it is the opening and closing of its shops that has most obviously revealed the power of the underground leadership.

Only 10 minutes down the road from Jerusalem, its shuttered businesses and almost silent streets bear stark witness to how the unrest has changed a whole way of life. In a few short months Bethlehem has turned from being a bustling shopping centre into an embattled frontier town.

The Israeli Army has erected a frontier across the main road in from Jerusalem. A khaki tent with a tall, white pole flying the Israeli flag outside has been pitched beside an Arab monumental mason's workshop where freshly carved gravestones are on display. Across the road, a roll of barbed wire and spikes and metal barriers force vehicles through the kind of chicane that exists on many an international frontier. The border with the West Bank, which many Israelis have tried to forget for 20 years, has been re-established by the Army.

Farther down the road, where the shops begin, the change with the recent past is most noticeable. Less than six months ago this was *the* place for the non-religious Jew to come and do Saturday shopping. It had become so popular over the previous year that extra police had to be drafted in to direct the traffic.

The noise was tremendous. Rival greengrocers loudly extolled the virtues of their shining aubergines or plump bananas. Busloads of tourists would stop for apples. Inside the supermarkets the international community queued to buy Belgian chocolates, English marmalade, gin and pink slices of local ham. Shopkeepers opened new tills and bought Mercedes.

Now that will all change. The oranges and grapefruit, too perishable to last with the vastly reduced turnover, have vanished. Sinioras, one of the cleanest, most modern butcher shops you could find anywhere in the world, has been shut for the past six weeks. The stuffed cow in its window is in the dark behind the shutters. The supermarkets do open, but only for the permitted three hours a day, and even then they do not open their metal doors. Most prefer customers to go round to the back door in a "knock twice and ask for Ahmed" ritual which ensures that only known old customers come in.

In the dark interiors stocks are low, the freezers are three-quarters empty, the dairy coolers are running at half capacity, the few strings of sausages hang in sad solitude behind the limited cheese.

Outside, the tourist buses still make their way to the Church of the Nativity, but Manger Square is not crowded and many of the vehicles parked there are army trucks. Israeli flags festoon the police station, where nearly all the Arab policemen have resigned. The shutters are down on the souvenir shops.

The tourists, in their blue and white "Welcome to Israel" hats, may not realize that anything has changed. They may even think that the streets are always silent as it says in the carols.

But it is an enforced and deafening silence. For fear of retribution, either from the Army or the "intifada", the shops are closed. The temporary frontier set up by the Army between Bethlehem and Jerusalem is looking more and more permanent.

● **JERUSALEM:** A bodyguard for the Israeli-appointed Palestinian mayor of Hebron, in the occupied West Bank, shot and seriously wounded a Palestinian youth yesterday when demonstrators, demanding the mayor's resignation, tried to storm the town hall, Palestinian sources said.

Slogan-painters hit the royal yacht

From Christopher Morris
Melbourne

Australian Navy frogmen checked the hull of the Britannia yesterday after protesters managed to breach security and paint a slogan in support of Aborigines on the bow of the royal yacht in Brisbane.

The 24-hour guard at wharf No 4, where the Britannia was docked, has been strengthened and embarrassed police chiefs last night ordered a full investigation into the incident.

Under cover of darkness the protesters managed to swim across the Brisbane River to the wharf and used bright red paint to write the demand: "End the killing time" on the port bow. This was a reference to the death of more than 100 Aboriginal people in police custody during the past eight years, many of them in mysterious circumstances, now being investigated by a Royal Commission. The slogan – suspected of being painted by white supporters of the Aborigines – was removed yesterday morning.

The protest, just 48 hours before the Queen arrived in Brisbane to open World Expo '88 before boarding the royal yacht to sail to Sydney, has caused considerable alarm among police and security officials. They are worried because hundreds of Aborigines are converging on Brisbane determined to hold demonstrations to coincide with the Expo opening and to focus world attention on their demands for land rights. Extra police are being drafted into Brisbane to counter disturbances or attempts to disrupt the royal visit.

The Queen, continuing her Australia tour, was informed of the incident in Melbourne where she spent a hectic morning visiting the new Australian ballet school and going on a walkabout amid April showers. She also visited the Victorian Museum to look at an exhibition on the first white settlers' impressions of Australia.

The Queen enjoying a sheepdog trial demonstration yesterday in Geelong, Victoria.

The Queen and Duke then travelled to Geelong where the Prince of Wales attended school. Nearly 10,000 schoolchildren were given the day off to welcome the royal couple. But what intrigued the Queen most was Spud, a border collie who wore a wrist watch strapped to his front leg for a sheepdog demonstration. According to Spud's owner, Mr Peter Sharp, it is to know whether to go clockwise or anti-clockwise when rounding up sheep. When the Queen remarked that the Buckingham Palace corgis don't wear watches, Mr Sharp replied: "That's probably because, ma'am, there are enough clocks around the Palace."

Death toll still rising from leak at Bhopal

Delhi – A report submitted to the Madhya Pradesh state assembly yesterday said that 1,750 more people may die in the next seven years as a result of the gas leak from the Union Carbide factory at Bhopal (Our Correspondent writes).

The state's Chief Minister, Mr Arjun Singh, put the death toll since 1984 at 2,998 and said that 816 other deaths were under investigation.

The report called for 3.7 billion rupees (£154 million) to be spent on financial and medical rehabilitation of the victims.

Minister back

Khartoum (Reuter) – Mr Sadiq al-Mahdi was re-elected as Sudan's Prime Minister as a prelude to the formation of a government of national unity.

Gold sentence

Dhaka (Reuter) – Tony Perkins, from Britain, who admitted trying to smuggle £32,000 of gold into Bangladesh, was jailed for life.

Fury at death

Karachi – Pakistani villagers set seven army trailers on fire in Sind province after a motorcyclist was crushed by an army vehicle.

Aids embargo

Delhi (AFP) – India will expel foreigners carrying the Aids virus, the Minister for Health and Family Welfare said.

Wall scaled

Berlin (Reuter) – An East German sound technician injured his ankle as he scaled the Berlin Wall to the West.

Jail break-in

Stockholm – A man armed with a sub-machine gun broke into a prison at Norrkoping and freed two prisoners.

Pretoria uses rebel link to force Maputo talks

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

South Africa's connivance with the rebel Mozambique National Resistance is the spectre behind renewed efforts to bring about a summit between President Botha and President Chissano, diplomatic sources said yesterday.

A special envoy of President Chissano, the Mozambican Minister of International Co-operation, Mr Jacinto Veloso, flew unannounced to Cape Town on Tuesday for talks with the South African Foreign Minister, Mr Roelof "Pik" Botha.

Afterwards Mr Botha said Mr Veloso had delivered a message of goodwill from President Chissano to the South African leader. He said the possibility of a meeting between the two heads of state was discussed.

It would be their first meeting since President Chissano succeeded the late Samora Machel, who died in an air crash on the border between Mozambique and South Africa in October 1986.

Yesterday it was reported from Maputo that Mr Veloso had returned with a message from Mr Botha for President Chissano. No details were given but Mr Veloso confirmed that a meeting between the two leaders was discussed in Cape Town. He added that relations between the two countries would first have to improve.

What is known is that during the Cape Town talks it was agreed to reactivate the Joint Security Commission, established under the 1984 Nkomati non-aggression treaty between South Africa and Mozambique.

President Chissano withdrew Mozambican participation in the commission in 1986 after it became clear that South African collusion with the Mozambican rebels was continuing.

Diplomatic sources in South Africa said that although there has been no overt reaction, the South African Government was embarrassed by a US State Department report that compared rebel activities with killings by the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia.

The report said at least 100,000 civilians had been killed in cold blood by the rebels. The US is vigorously following up the report.

Mr Roy Stacey, the US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, told a conference in Maputo that rebels were carrying out "one of the most brutal holocausts" since the Second World War. Rebels were waging "a systematic and brutal war of terror through forced labour, starvation, physical abuse and wanton killing".

South Africa inherited the role of supporting the rebels from the Rhodesian Army, which set them up mainly to counter Mr Robert Mugabe's guerrillas. The rebels have been hampered by internal dissent and have failed to project any form of ideology apart from their hatred for the Government in Maputo.

South Africa is now receiving clear signals from the West that the time has arrived to dump the rebels. When South Africa signed the Nkomati treaty, it undertook to stop helping the rebels, but suspicion of complicity persists.

During the talks in Cape Town Mr Veloso said that although Mozambique stood firm in its pledge not to allow the ANC to use its territory to launch attacks against South Africa, it remained convinced that the rebels continued to receive support and advice from South Africa.

Mr Veloso was informed that the South African Government was equally convinced that ANC guerrillas were operating from Mozambican territory.

There have been other developments pointing towards a change in the relationship between the two countries. Earlier this week it was disclosed that Mr Gavin Relly, chairman of the Anglo American Corporation, held talks with President Chissano on the possible development of a forestry, agricultural and natural gas project.

Business sources in Johannesburg say the corporation would not consider re-entering Mozambique without guarantees about security.

But it is the search for oil off the Mozambican coast which has been attracting most international interest and South Africa, vulnerable as it is to sanctions, is clearly involved. Probably unrelated to this week's events was the assassination in Lisbon last week of Evo Fernandes, a mixed-race Portuguese and former president of the rebels.

US changes tack in attempt to force removal of Noriega

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The United States is attempting to negotiate a new deal with General Manuel Noriega, the strongman of Panama, under which he would remain in power for some time before resigning and going into exile.

Washington's willingness to compromise amounts to a humiliating acknowledgment that its attempt to topple the dictator quickly through economic pressure has turned into a policy disaster, with economic and political implications in Panama and beyond.

Mr Michael Kozak, Assistant Secretary of State for Latin America, is on a secret trip to Panama to try to negotiate a deal. He may hold direct talks with General Noriega if it appears that an agreement is in the making.

Panama is in political turmoil and economic chaos because of US sanctions, with record numbers of Panamanians trying to leave the country. Applications for US visas are being received at the rate of more than 5,000 a month.

Washington's new plan was given to General Noriega last week, when Mr Kozak was last in Panama City. US officials have concluded that the dictator could retain power for weeks or months while the Panamanian economy suffered grave and perhaps permanent damage. An early change of course in American policy, including modification of sanctions, is now regarded as essential and inevitable.

Across-the-board sanctions were imposed with such haste that some inevitable repercussions were overlooked by administration officials, such as the threatened eviction of American nationals from their homes because they are banned from paying rent.

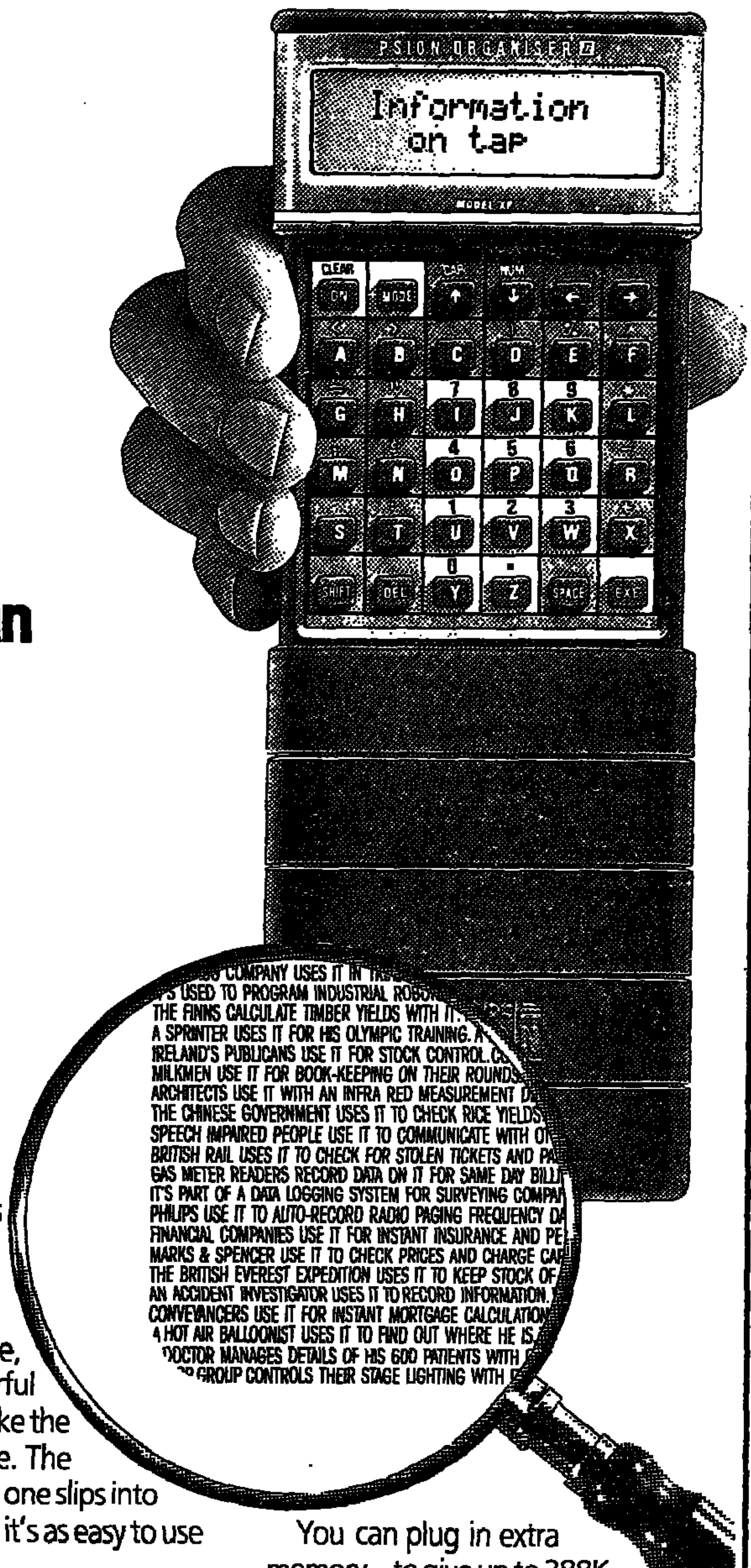
US nationals have complained bitterly about not being allowed to pay domestic gas, telephone and electricity bills. Airlines are prevented from paying landing fees and, strictly speaking, US citizens are not allowed to pay departure tax.

Mr Charles Redman, the State Department spokesman, was asked if US policy against General Noriega had failed. "You've got to have some patience," he said. "Things don't happen overnight." But privately, senior officials admit that the sanctions had been a mistake. The once-prosperous Panamanian banking system will probably never fully recover. And the policy has done immeasurable damage to US relations with countries throughout Latin America, where the intervention is bitterly resented.

President Reagan has ruled out military intervention unless the Panama Canal is threatened. He therefore has little option but to offer compromises to persuade General Noriega to go. The central concession is its willingness to stretch out the process for the strongman to go.

A primary reason for the failure was US inability to gather opposition forces around any single figure.

● PANAMA CITY: The Panama Government said it had ordered a crackdown on the opposition after uncovering what it called a plot of urban violence against General Noriega (Reuter reports). Human rights activists said seven people had been arrested.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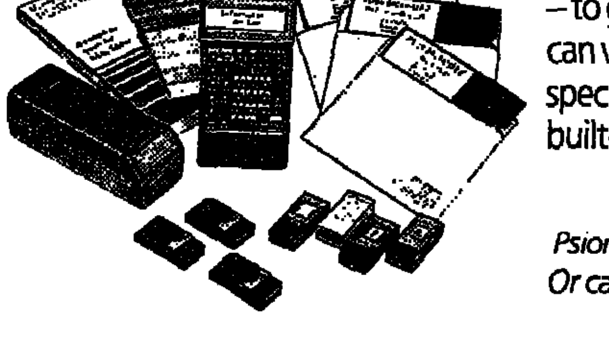

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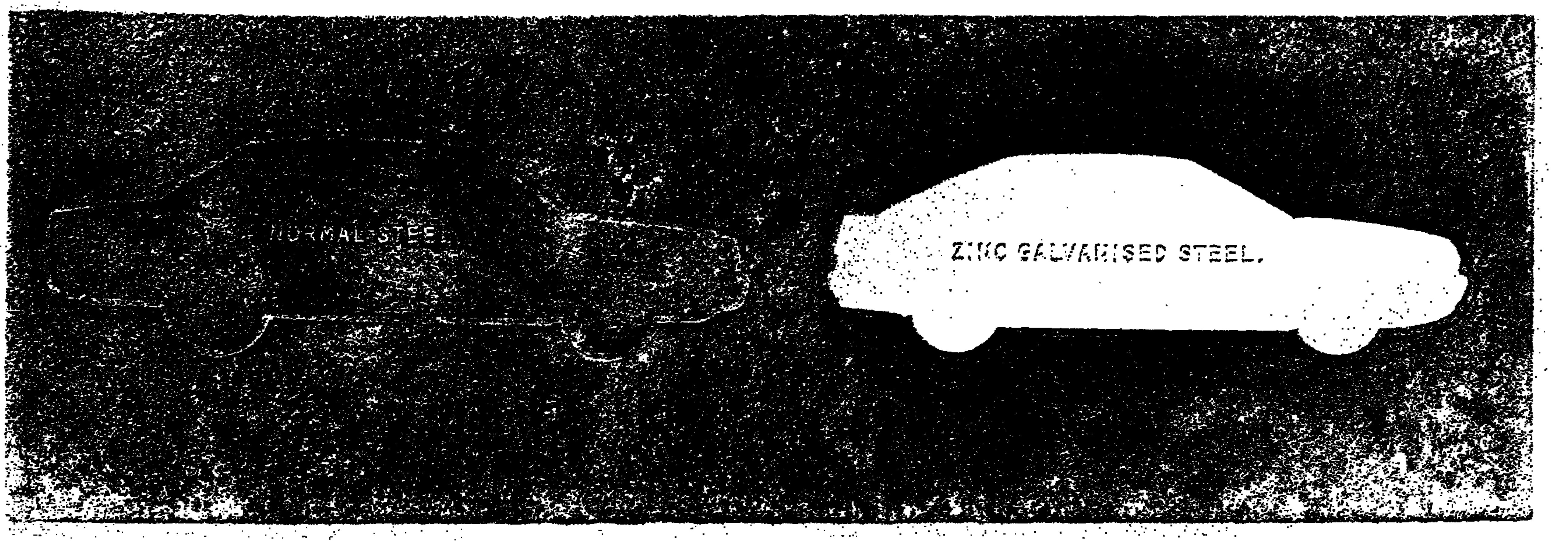

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EARLIER THAT morning, after a gruelling four hours on a snow bound autobahn, Dr Dietz greeted us at Audi's quality assurance centre.

'THE DRIVING conditions are very wearing,' observed our host gazing out of the window.

FOR A moment we thought Dr Dietz was showing a little compassion.

'CARS IN Germany,' continued the Doctor, *'have to withstand an extremely corrosive environment. You see, in some areas, snow lies on the ground for six months of the year.*

'TO AGGRAVATE the situation, every year the authorities put half a million tonnes of salt and grit on our roads. And the corrosive agents SO_2 *and* NO_X *are present in high levels in our rain and air.'*

SUDDENLY LIVING in Britain didn't seem so bad.

'CONSEQUENTLY, AT Audi, we now employ the classic corrosion protection system: zinc galvanisation.'

'BUT DON'T other manufacturers already use zinc?' we questioned.

'INDEED,' REPLIED Dr Dietz smiling, *'most cars have a limited number of galvanised parts: hinges, sills, brackets and some body parts. Only Audi, along with Porsche, have their body shells completely galvanised inside and out.*

'CONSEQUENTLY, WHILE most manufacturers' corrosion warranties are limited to six years, Audi's now extends to ten. Zinc is also likely to increase an Audi's resale value.

'ARE YOU familiar with galvanisation and the barrier effect and cathodic protection afforded by zinc?' enquired Dr Dietz.

DR DIETZ took his cue from our blank faces. Our metallurgy was, to say the least, a little rusty.

'ALLOW ME to explain. The protective layer of zinc works in two ways. Firstly, the zinc provides a barrier that protects the steel from contact with corrosive media. This purely physical corrosion-resisting property of zinc coatings on steel is referred to as the barrier effect. Zinc, of course, corrodes up to ten times more slowly than steel.

'SECONDLY, SHOULD the zinc be damaged, exposing the steel, the zinc becomes the sacrificial anode in the electrochemical corrosive reaction.

'IN PRACTICAL terms this suppression of the anodic reaction of the steel means that the Fe side of the electrode pair is no longer a corroding mixed electrode, but a corrosion-free cathode. The corresponding phenomenon is therefore referred to as cathodic protection.'

DR DIETZ might just as well have been speaking German.

THE DOCTOR endeavoured to explain in more simple terms. *'Should the steel be exposed, the zinc bleeds over the steel. No rust will form until the zinc has been eroded, a process which can take several years.'*

'WITHOUT ZINC, how long would rust take to form?' we queried.

'SEVERAL DAYS, maybe less,' smiled Dr Dietz.

'HOWEVER, WHILE zinc is undoubtedly an effective weapon against rust, it can only be one element in a complete range of anti-corrosion measures,' continued Dr Dietz.

DR DIETZ, we sensed, was on the verge of refreshing our memories about the rest of Audi's corrosion protection. Apparently, the 27-operation painting process, the wax-flooded cavities and the chip-resistant elastic undercoat, had all been retained despite the introduction of zinc galvanisation.

THANKFULLY, WE persuaded him they could wait until another time.

HOWEVER, ONE question did remain. 'Why were Audi the only manufacturer, but for the notable exception of Porsche, to adopt fully galvanised zinc bodies?'

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Kim Dae Jung prepares to unseat Roh

From Gavin Bell, Seoul

After almost two decades in the political wilderness, Mr Kim Dae Jung is preparing to enter South Korea's Parliament as its most powerful opposition leader, to the undisguised dismay of the Government.

To the workers, farmers and students who flocked to support his Party for Peace and Democracy in general elections on Tuesday, Mr Kim is a cult figure.

When he campaigns in his native Cholla, a rural and relatively under-developed province in the south-west, he is followed by adoring crowds in the manner of a prophet who will deliver his oppressed people to the promised land of democracy and prosperity.

To the ruling Democratic Justice Party, he is a taciturn, disruptive and dangerous adversary. Its perception of Mr Kim was neatly caricatured in a cartoon in *The Korea Times* yesterday, which portrayed a kneeling man (the ruling party) recoiling in horror as a fire-breathing dragon emerged from a ballot box.

Deprived of a working majority in the 299-member National Assembly, President Roh has appealed for unity and compromise with the disparate opposition forces. Quite how this will be achieved with the ruling party's sworn enemy prominent in their ranks is hard to imagine.

Mr Kim, aged 62, was jailed in the 1970s for his opposition to President Park, and began this decade under sentence of death for alleged sedition against the regime of President Chun. The penalty was commuted to life imprisonment; eventually he was allowed to go into exile in the United States, and further persecution followed his return to Korea in 1985.

The veteran dissident leader has good reason to detest authoritarian rulers, and he counts the present Government among them.

"What we are seeing today is a continuation of the Chun regime ... This is still essentially military rule," he told a press conference yesterday. He accepts the reality of Mr Roh functioning as President, but still regards his election as fraudulent and illegitimate.

Mr Kim, whose normally stern features were occasionally creased into a smile yesterday, endeavoured to present a moderate image. His party would campaign strenuously for social justice, pay special attention to the welfare of the under-privileged, and vigorously defend freedom of speech and human rights. Providing the ruling party honoured its pledges to implement democratic reforms, it would find a responsive partner in the Party for Peace and Democracy.

If it did not, however, there would be trouble. The smile disappeared as Mr Kim enunciated his conditions for co-operation — the immediate release of an estimated 1,000 (non-communist) political prisoners, a ban on political activities by the police and intelligence agencies, and genuine freedom of the press.

Mr Kim has probably the most loyal, if not the largest, support of any political leader in South Korea. Many regard his demands as reasonable and long overdue. It is just the way he goes about enforcing them that alarms his opponents and rivals. One of them — his former persecutor, General Chun — has every reason to fear his "second coming". "We intend to settle the whole legacy of the Fifth (Chun) Republic. We are going to investigate the corruption, massing of wealth and other illegal activites by Chun and his relatives."

Mr Kim now has the ability to do so, providing he can persuade other opposition parties to support him in invoking sweeping new Assembly powers of inquiry into state affairs.

Another target will be Mr Roh, whom he intends to unseat if possible with a probe into alleged fraud during the presidential election.

Democratic Justicy Party policy advisers are confident that Mr Kim will be restrained by his elevation to a more responsible position in the legislature. "It's just a lot of hot air," one said yesterday. "He'll calm down once he's in the Assembly and realizes he has to compromise for the good of the country."

Whether this is true, he will be under pressure from multitudes in Cholla and working-class districts of Seoul to justify their faith in him.

● **Graft charges:** Prosecutors yesterday arrested Mr Yum Bo Hyun, the former Mayor of Seoul, on graft charges, the latest step in a probe of alleged corruption under the administration of General Chun.

Mr Kim Dae Jung, right, congratulating a Party for Peace and Democracy member yesterday on his election to the National Assembly. Mr Kim promised that he would not cause political trouble that could hamper the Seoul Olympics in September.

Doubts persist over new laws for Hong Kong

Hong Kong (Reuter) — Hong Kong residents will retain the right to move about freely, travel abroad and emigrate after the colony reverts to the control of China, the first draft of a post-1997 Basic Law says.

The 10-chapter draft document, headed *Fundamental Rights and Duties of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Inhabitants*, was made public simultaneously in Peking and Hong Kong yesterday.

It was published amid reports of last-minute disputes in the drafting committee over the formation of Hong Kong's first government after 1997.

The first version to appear was in Chinese. Officials said the English text had been delayed by translation problems and was not expected before next week.

They added that there had been some doubt about whether the document would be printed and published in time because of last-minute changes by the committee, which has been holding meetings in Peking.

The Peking Government has charged a committee of 58 Chinese officials and Hong Kong Chinese representatives with producing a Basic Law, which will act as a constitution after 1997.

Britain and China signed an agreement in 1984 under which Peking regains sovereignty over Hong Kong in 1997, agreeing to make it into a Special Administrative Region.

Proclaiming "One Country, Two Systems," China pledged Hong Kong would stay capitalist and govern itself until at least 2047.

Legal experts said that the problems surrounding the Basic Law were typified by its approach to the legal systems operating in Hong Kong and China.

Hong Kong's legal system is based on British law, which one legal source said could be explained as permitting anything that is not illegal. In China, he said, the opposite is the case, with the law stating what is allowed.

Although Hong Kong is to retain its own laws under the 1984 agreement, legal sources said Chinese officials had inserted a number of conditional clauses in the draft.

The Chinese officials have also insisted that any final interpretation of the Basic Law must come from the standing committee of the National People's Congress in Peking. Mr Helmut Sohmen, a Hong Kong legislator and businessman, said earlier this week the rough draft he had seen was "amateurish".

But he thought that it would be improved by 1990, the deadline for the final version.

Mr Martin Lee, a Hong Kong legislator and member of the drafting committee, said that the draft was announced after heated last-minute debate and was not representative of the wishes of the people of the colony.

"These are options put forward by a minority of members," he said. "It is unlikely we will have a sufficiently representative legislature."

Mr Lee, an outspoken proponent of immediate democracy in the territory, also said that the executive branch would hold too much power under the Basic Law and the legislature would be too weak to provide adequate checks and balances.

He said this could undermine confidence in the territory and convince many people to leave ahead of the transfer of power.

"This emigration tide could soon turn into an emigration tidal wave," he said.

Mr Sze-to Wah, another outspoken legislator, said of the document, which includes a number of possible formulas for government structure: "*We have not resolved any of the problems. We have only publicized them.*"

Western diplomatic sources here said that if China was to maintain world confidence in Hong Kong as a key international finance centre, the Basic Law would have to reflect clearly the legal and economic basis of the territory.

Since the Sino-British agreement was signed, there has been a steadily increasing exodus of emigrants from Hong Kong, mainly from the professional and middle classes.

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Famine in Ethiopia

Tigré crisis looms as aid work halted

By Andrew McEwen

A devastating famine on the scale of the 1984-85 Ethiopian famine is now expected to hit the north-eastern province of Tigré within weeks.

Officials of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva made this prediction yesterday after the final collapse of their relief operations.

In a separate development, field workers of another internationally known relief agency, which asked not to be named, said that Tigré was "on the brink of a huge crisis".

The Ethiopian Government halted the ICRC's work on April 5 because many of the people it fed lived in rebel-held areas of Tigré. Hopes that it might be restarted crumbled this week when Addis Ababa ordered the Swiss-based charity to remove its planes from the country.

Five small Twin Otter aircraft which had been used by the ICRC to distribute food in rebel-held areas flew out of the country on Wednesday.

The Ethiopian Government's row with the ICRC and some other agencies came after a string of rebel victories both in Tigré and in Eritrea.

The ICRC was apparently singled out for the toughest treatment because of its uncompromising policies. Its charter requires it to help the needy regardless of which side they are on. It insisted on using its own staff, lorries and planes to distribute food without Ethiopian Government involvement.

It was ordered to withdraw its 45 foreign staff from Tigré and Eritrea on April 5, and since then its operation has been effectively mothballed. It still has 44 lorries and an estimated 58,000 tonnes of food locked up in warehouses in the north.

The Ethiopian Government asked the ICRC to hand over the operation to the the Ethiopian Red Cross Society, but the ICRC refused. An official in Geneva said that donors had a right to know that the food and money was supervised by ICRC staff. Britain contributed 13,700 tonnes of food to its effort in January.

The April 6 order to remove foreign workers also applied to other relief agencies, but the United Nations World Food Programme has since been allowed to send three of its staff back as observers. But as the UN only delivers food, using its own fleet of lorries, and does not distribute it, it is viewed in a different light.

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Oxfam is still feeding 70,000 people in Tigré, operating from the Government side, while a further 300,000 are receiving help from the rebels' relief arm and 600,000 are reached by agencies working from Sudan. But 1.5 million remain at risk.

Mr Christopher Patten, Britain's Minister for Overseas Development, yesterday held talks on the situation with ICRC officials in Geneva. He also announced an allocation of 5,000 tonnes of food to UN-administered relief efforts in the west of Ethiopia where 250,000 Sudanese refugees have arrived.

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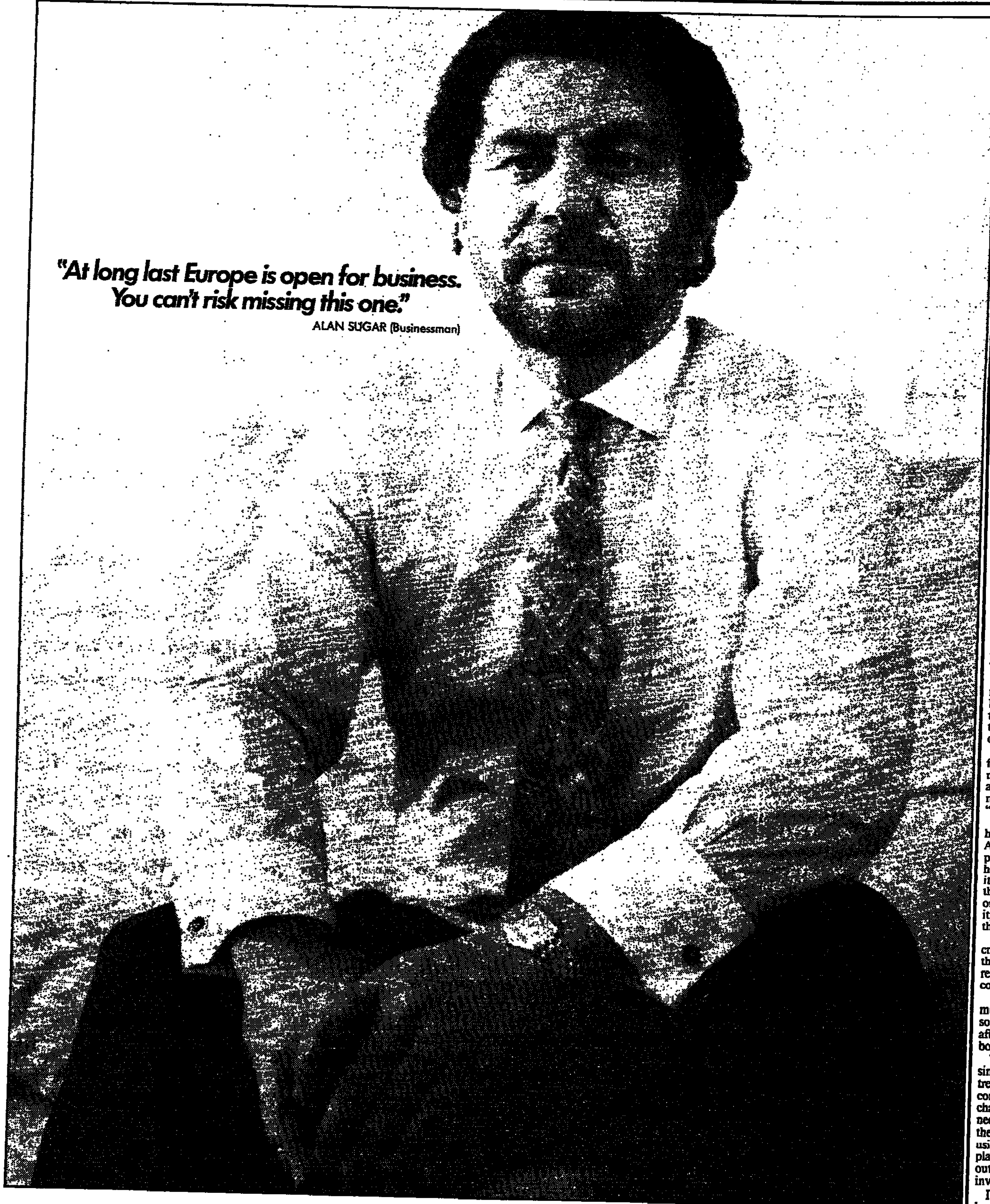

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Hong Kong legislator businessman, said earlier week the rough draft he seen was "amateurish".

But he thought that it be improved by 1990, deadline for the final version.

Mr Martin Lee, a Hong Kong legislator and member of the drafting committee, said that the draft was a nounced after heated minute debate and was representative of the wishes the people of the colony.

"These are options put ward by a minority of bers," he said. "It is unlikely we will have a sufficiently representative legislature."

Mr Lee, an outspoken proponent of immediate democracy in the territory, also said that the executive branch would hold too much power under the Basic Law and the legislature would be too weak to provide adequate checks and balances.

He said this could undermine confidence in the territory and convince people to leave ahead of the transfer of power.

"This emigration tide could soon turn into an emigration tidal wave," he said.

Mr Sze-to Wah, another outspoken legislator, said the document, which include a number of possible formulas for government structure: "We have not resolved any of the problems. We have only publicized them."

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‘Jingoistic’ King under attack

Mr Martin Flannery (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab) said that the jingoistic answer Mr King had given last time about the shooting of the IRA members had intensified the whole situation.

More killings had gone on in the past few weeks than for a long time. Shooting to kill like that demanded an inquiry. "The tactics used by the paramilitary, on both sides, of just killing, when we could have arrested those three, should not be our tactics."

Mr King said that he did not immediately recall the "jingoistic answer". But it might have been that he expressed some considerable relief which the House shared that the most powerful bomb ever seen by the Spanish police, with all their experience of ETA, had not gone off in the confined streets of Gibraltar (Conservative cheers).

There could not be any decent MP who could not be other than profoundly relieved that about 200 people did not meet deaths and injury at that time.

"If he says that there needs to be a full public inquiry, he will have heard me earlier answer that there is to be precisely that in the due legal form of an inquest before a jury. That is the proper procedure. That is what will now take place."

Mr Jeremy Hayes (Harlow, C) asked if Mr King would ask the Irish Foreign Minister whether he was as fed up as Conservative MPs with television companies raking through the gutters of Gibraltar, finding people to rubbish the security services.

"Will he ask him if he is as fed up as we are with people who are weeping tears for an active IRA unit which would have been responsible for a major massacre in Gibraltar?"

Mr Flannery: You silly little boy. You don't understand it.

Mr King: I do very much share his concern about the proposal for a television broadcast, which I understand may take place tonight. The Foreign Secretary has made representations to the IBA about it.

If the reports are correct that the programme will include live interviews with people who are likely then to be witnesses in the inquest, I think it raises very difficult issues indeed and may run the serious risk of prejudicing the rights of those concerned at the inquest.

Mr Kevin McNamara, chief Opposition spokesman: Many people are concerned that instead of having three people facing the prospect of spending a long time behind bars for taking part in and planning a most horrific event, the Government may have created three new martyrs for old Ireland, three new victims of the Crown.

We regret very much the decision of the Foreign Secretary to go to the chairman of the IBA to try to prevent this film from being shown. This is a further example of ministerial arm-twisting against the press and media.

The Government, in seeking to take this course of action, is itself prejudging the issues. That bomb was 50 miles away. Those three were unarmed. Those were the facts. They should have been arrested. They should have been charged.

You have created martyrs and you are now trying to prevent proper examination of the Government's conduct by hiding behind the theory of an inquest where we all know there will be no examination of decisions made at Cabinet level about how these men and this woman were treated.

The Government is hiding behind the facts, running away again.

Mr King: I think that is the most unfortunate intervention I have ever heard (loud Conservative cheers).

He has presumed to stand at that Dispatch Box, I understand speaking on behalf of the Opposition, and claims to know all the facts of this matter, in advance of the inquest and the evidence being given (Opposition protests).

Later, **Mr Max Madden** (Bradford West, Lab) said that there would be no improvement in the political or security situation in the province if the people of the United Kingdom and the republic believed that the British Government was seeking to gag and silence the media and had colluded in the propagation of misinformation.

Mr King said that he was interested to know Mr Madden believed that the correct way to get at the truth was by a television broadcast in advance of the proper procedure of the inquest.

There were further exchanges relating to the television programme later during business questions.

Mr Frank Dobson, chief Opposition spokesman on House of Commons affairs, wondered whether ministers would be seeking an injunction to prevent the showing of the film.

Mr John Wakeham, Leader of the House, said that the Foreign Secretary had been in contact with Lord Thomson, asking him to postpone transmission of the programme because it included interviews with potential witnesses at the inquest.

The Foreign Secretary had been concerned that the coroner's inquest might be prejudiced and he (Mr Wakeham) would have thought that that would have been the concern of all MPs.

Mr Robin Corbett (Birmingham, Erdington, Lab) called for a debate on the "gross political interference" by the Foreign Secretary in attempting to browbeat the IBA to prevent the *This Week* programme being shown tonight.

Mr Wakeham repeated his earlier answer. The Foreign Secretary had simply pointed out the dangers to the IBA.

Bid to divide Howe and Thatcher criticized

There seemed to be an attempt to divide the Prime Minister and Sir Geoffrey Howe, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, over their comments about Mr Charles Haughey, Taoiseach of the Irish Republic, **Mr Tom King**, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said during Commons questions.

The Rev Ian Paisley (Antrim North, DUP) initiated the exchanges when he asked Mr King what message he would give to Mr Lenihan, the Irish Foreign Minister, for Mr Haughey.

When he next met Mr Lenihan, would he give him the message by Sir Geoffrey Howe, commending Mr Haughey as a true and great patriot, or would he give the denunciation by Mrs Thatcher in the Commons on Tuesday?

Mr King said that he would have pleasure in endorsing the messages of both Mrs Thatcher and Sir Geoffrey (laughter).

"I see no difficulty in that whatsoever. I would not have thought that there was any MP who would not regard Mr Haughey as a very true patriot for his own country."

But everyone would want the fullest co-operation, not least in the defeat of terrorism and fighting against the common evil that it represented in the island.

Mr Seamus Mallon (Newry and Armagh, SDLP) asked if he would confirm to Mr Lenihan that the statesmanlike views expressed by the Foreign Secretary represented the views of the Prime Minister and the Cabinet.

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If this was so, would he also confirm to Mr Lenihan that the "petulant display" by the Prime Minister on Tuesday was the result of irrational pique rather than rational political judgement?

Mr King said that he suspected that there was what one might call two sides of the spectrum and that there was some attempt to divide Mrs Thatcher and the Foreign Secretary. "We are together on these matters. We share a common approach."

If Mr Mallon were to read the whole of the Foreign Secretary's speech, Sir Geoffrey had made clear that the agreement carried commitments and responsibilities to both sides, that it involved obligations on both sides. "It is not part of a process of sliding towards somewhere else."

It was "a resolution of the difficulties which have bedevilled relationships of the republic and the UK and Northern Ireland, subject only to change being possible by the democratic decision of the people of Northern Ireland".

Mr Ivor Stanbrook (Orpington, C) wanted Mr King to discuss with Mr Lenihan "the universal imposition by the Irish Parliament of restrictions on extradition from the republic to the UK on the unjustified ground of concern for the quality of British justice and the spurious concern for the rights of so-called Irish citizens extradited to this country".

Mr King said that Mr Stanbrook had picked out an extract from the Foreign Secretary's speech where he had said there was no monopoly of grievance. He had made no secret in the speech "that we had our grievances on the way that the extradition issue had been handled", but that they sought to resolve these problems within the normal relationships between the two countries.

He confirmed that he was most anxious to ensure, and he was sure that all those in the republic must be most anxious to ensure, at the earliest moment, effective extradition arrangements.

Later, **Mr Nicholas Budgen** (Wolverhampton South West, C) said that, since the Anglo-Irish agreement was supposed to have improved the security situation, Mr King should comment on the important and clearly well considered speech by Mr Haughey in New York.

"Does he agree that that clearly repudiated the Anglo-Irish agreement?"

Mr John Hume (Foyle, SDLP) said that an amazing series of events had begun with an appalling statement from the Attorney General (Sir Patrick Mayhew) that certain people were above the rule of law. It had continued when a soldier jailed for life had been released after two-and-a-half years. That had been followed by the Gibraltar affair, which had led to the "Greek tragedy" of the Belfast funerals.

"Given the tension and anger that these events created, the Irish Prime Minister showed commendable restraint."

He asked Mr King to advise the Prime Minister to read Mr Haughey's speech and take the advice of himself (Mr King) and the Foreign Secretary, who had been appointed to conduct relations with the Irish Government.

Mr King said that he took great exception to a number of Mr Hume's comments. "In no sense is anybody in Northern Ireland above the law.

"I hope that he, surely, realizes that there is no benefit, if we are trying to establish better co-operation and working together to defeat the terrorists, in rehearsing the old grievances. We should try and work together in a constructive way."

Mr Kevin McNamara, chief Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland, asked Mr King to indicate, after the Prime Minister's statement, whether the Government of the Irish Republic had been more stinting or less in its efforts to defeat the men of violence in the past few months and whether there had been any effective break in cross-border co-operation.

In view of Mr Haughey's statement in Dublin, on his return from New York, that the Irish Government would continue to work the mechanisms of the Anglo-Irish agreement, why had the Prime Minister subsequently felt it necessary to say that she would seek assurances from the Irish Government that they were not backing away from their responsibilities under the agreement?

Mr King said that the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary had both made absolutely clear the Government's commitment to the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Mr King (centre) to Mr Paisley: I endorse messages of both Mrs Thatcher and Sir Geoffrey

Concern over schools religion

The Prime Minister added her voice to those expressing concern about the lack of religious teaching in schools as laid down in the Education Act, 1944.

Mr Gerald Howarth (Cannock and Burntwood, C) asked if she had read of the grave concern at the trend of religious education in multi-faith schools? Would she reaffirm the Government's commitment to the teaching of Christianity to all children?

Mrs Thatcher said that religious education had been made compulsory in the 1944 Act.

Most believed, and this was borne out by debates at the time, that religious education was predominantly to be the Bible, but not exclusively. There was concern that this was not altogether being carried out.

Nato weapon decision

It was important that Nato ministers had agreed on the way ahead in modernization of nuclear weapons, **Mrs Thatcher** said during question time. It was vital to keep the weapons up to date.

Mr Alan Haslehurst (Saffron Walden, C) asked her to join him in welcoming the confirmation by Nato defence ministers in Brussels of the essential continuing role of nuclear weapons in their defence and of the need to keep them up to date.

Mrs Thatcher: Yes. Nato defence ministers have agreed on guidance on modernization of nuclear weapons. It is important that they have agreed on the way ahead because the Soviet Union continues to modernize all nuclear weapons and we do the same.

Bank holiday reform

The Government is keen to spread the Bank holidays more evenly throughout the year so as to provide one in the autumn, **Lord Trefgarne**, for the Government, told peers during questions. One possibility was a Trafalgar day.

He was replying to peers who put forward possible alternatives for the present system of Bank holidays to prevent bunching in May. The Government is revising the position of the May Day Bank holiday, but no decision had yet been made, Lord Trefgarne said.

Parliament next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week will be:

Tuesday: Finance (No 2) Bill, committee, first day.
Wednesday: Legal Aid Bill, second reading. Debate on the Rover Group.
Thursday: Debate on agriculture.
Friday: Private member's Bill: Abortion (Amendment) Bill, remaining stages.

The main business in the House of Lords will be:

Tuesday: Education Reform Bill, committee, first day.
Wednesday: Debates on productivity and on the social security changes.
Thursday: Education Reform Bill, committee, second day.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Private members' Bills: Licensing (Retail Sales) Bill and Community Health Councils (Access to Information) Bill, report stages. Access to Medical Reports Bill, committee. Medical Examination of Children at Risk Bill, second reading.

Labour protests at picket ‘slur’

Angry protests from Labour MPs greeted an allegation from **Mr David Shaw** (Dover, C) that the Labour Party National Executive Committee had backed violence on the picket line at Dover.

He said that a photograph in the *Evening Standard* showed the home of a young stewardess in Dover where the door had been daubed "Scab" and "Kill". That daubing had occured within 24 hours of the Labour Party national executive's expressing solidarity with the acts of violence and intimidation.

Mr Frank Dobson, chief Opposition spokesman on Commons affairs, said that Labour's national executive had expressed no solidarity with any acts of violence.

He wanted Mr Shaw to withdraw his allegation which cast a slur on Labour MPs.

Mr John Wakeham, Leader of the House, said he did not have any responsibility for Labour Party policy. He was sure that Mr Shaw's comments reflected concern shown

Mr Jonathan Aitken (Thanet South, C) said the Home Secretary and the Secretary of State for Employment should be ready to make an important statement because the situation in the Dover area was deteriorating. Communities were deeply divided. The right to work must be preserved.

Mr Wakeham agreed it was a very disturbing situation. He was sure that his colleagues would not hesitate to make a statement if they believed that to be the right course of action.

Mr Dobson said that13 NEC members were MPs. The motion had been moved by Mr Neil Kinnock and seconded by Mr Roy Hattersley.

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said that the chair could not be held responsible for what MPs said in the House provided that it was in order.

272 weapons captured

Since the beginning of the year, 103 people have been charged with serious offences in Northern Ireland, including five with murder and six with attempted murder, **Mr Tom King**, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said during questions.

A total of 272 weapons, just over 65,000 rounds of ammunition and 2,700lb of explosives had been recovered.

During the same period, the Garda Siochana in the republic had recovered 174 weapons, almost 126,000 rounds of ammunition and 600lb of commercial explosives.

"The security threat remains high, but the courageous and determined efforts of the security forces are continuing to yield results."

The Rev Ian Paisley (Antrim North, DUP) asked whether Mr King had any information that the murder on Tuesday on a part-time member of the Ulster Defence Regiment, Private Edward Gibson, had been an inside job.

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"Can he confirm that another member of the UDR was to do the particular job that Mr Gibson was killed doing? Is he aware that that member of the UDR was told not to report for duty by the security forces? Another man, not in sympathy with the UDR, was to take his place.

"That man did not turn up, therefore Mr Gibson was put into the position to have to do that job and was then murdered.

"The car that was used by these murderers was supposed to be in the possession of people who that day were away for the day, but left their keys in the car.

"Does this not indicate a very well organized and orchestrated inside job in Cookstown to kill members of the UDR?"

Mr King: While there certainly were some surprising features about the killing of Mr Gibson and, in respect of the fact that he had only just gone on that round that day, I certainly have not heard any of the information he conveyed to the House.

Mr James Molyneaux (Lagan Valley, OUP) said that the Prime Minister had said on Tuesday that she would continue to press for effective security co-operation across the border.

"Why is it necessary now to press for delivery of the one and only promise made by Dublin when the agreement was signed two-and-a-half years ago?"

Mr King said that Mrs Thatcher had made clear the importance of continual work to improve cross-border security co-operation. As he had already said, there had been substantial arms seizures and recoveries of ammunition and explosives by the Garda Siochana.

"Everybody in Northern Ireland must take great comfort from the fact that these weapons of death have now been recovered from terrorist clutches. But it is a continual process."

Kinnock praises ‘lead minister’

Since the Prime Minister had told the House on Wednesday that the Chancellor of the Exchequer was the lead minister on exchange rates, who was the lead minister on benefits, **Mr Neil Kinnock**, Leader of the Opposition, asked during Prime Minsiter's question time.

Mrs Thatcher: As I indicated in reply to that question, policies are the policies of the Government as a whole, and very successful they are (Conservative cheers).

Mr Kinnock: I am sorry the Prime Minister cannot tell us who is the lead minister for benefit rates, because I read in the *Daily Mail* this morning that it was the Prime Minister, and the Prime Minister alone, who was responsible for the U-turn yesterday. I wanted to give full credit where it was due.

Since the Prime Minister does appear to have some responsibility in these matters and since the savings on housing benefit were to have been £640 million before the £100 million announced yesterday, could she tell us who now is going to lose the £540 million.?

Is it not the case that these are the people who only six months ago were considered to be too poor to pay any rates but now, regardless of their ability to pay, are still going to have to pay 20 per cent of their rates?

Mrs Thatcher: I thank him for congratulating the entire Government on having a successful economic policy.

Mr Kinnock said that the Prime Minister did not seem to understand that those who were losing were concerned about the £4, £6, and £10 a week she had taken away from them. "If things are so good, why are they so bad?" (Opposition laughter).

Mrs Thatcher: He cannot understand if things are good. He knows full well they are good because the economy is run extremely well.

Licensing Bill amendments

Sunday drinking extended by error

An amendment by peers to extend Sunday drinking in public houses by an extra hour to 3pm was endorsed in the Commons early on Thursday morning after a Government admission that the proposal had got into the Licensing Bill in the Lords because of a "cock-up".

When Lords amendments were considered, **Mr Douglas Hogg**, Under Secretary of State, Home Office, said that the amendment had been put into the Bill inadvertently.

He told **Mrs Ann Taylor**, an Opposition spokesman on home affairs, that it had not been an act of deliberate Government policy. There had been two explanations: "One is conspiracy and the other is cock-up. It was cock-up" (laughter).

Mr Hogg moved that the House should agree with the amendment. He said the Government had not intended to extend Sunday licensing hours. The reason was not one of principle but was pragmatic. The objective had been to reconcile as many as possible to the passage of the Bill, which allows for extended opening hours on weekdays.

Mrs Taylor said that the minister had tried to justify the unjustifiable and was standing on its head all previous Government statements on Sunday opening hours.

The proposal would create difficulties for public house staff. The brewers were concerned only with profit, which was why the Bill had been brought forward in the first place.

"It may have been incompetence by the Government which has led to this change, but it is a dangerous step and the Government is foolish to accept this amendment."

Sir Bernard Braine (Castle Point, C) said that the Government's intention originally was not to tinker with Sundays, but there had been an error in the Lords. "The result is that cock-up is now being made a virtue."

Mr David Steel, joint leader of the SLD, wondered if Sir Bernard would agree, as Father of the House, that he must have listened to many ministers commending Lords amendments, but could never have heard a minister arguing in favour of an amendment that it was unprincipled, inadvertent and a cock-up. These were three very good reasons that the proposal should be rejected.

Sir Paul Dean, the Deputy Speaker, said that if the word was used too often, "our debates will become somewhat inelegant".

Mrs Taylor: Minister justifying the unjustifiable

Sir Bernard Braine promised not to use the word again.

He was sorry that Mr Hogg "has to defend the indefensible". There was no evidence of majority public support

Mr Robert Cryer (Bradford South, Lab) said that alcohol did cause ravages in society. "We know that, because we see it among our own members. We are not supposed to say that anyone here is drunk, but we know that we could stop some of it by closing or limiting some of the bars in this place."

Mr Hogg, replying to the debate, said that the Government had intended to resist the amendment in the Lords. But it had been the judgement of everyone present there that the mood of the House was in favour of it. Those who had to assess the mood had been quite plain that the amendment would have been carried.

"We are asking the House to enlarge Sunday opening by one hour to extend the ability of people to have lunch with their families and to meet a genuine need, or at least a genuine desire." That was not wrong in practice or principle.

The amendment was carried by 119 votes to 26 – Government majority, 93.

Without a division the House agreed to an amended Lords new clause to ban garages and petrol service stations from being granted licences to sell alcohol but to permit those already allowed to sell alcohol to continue to do so.

Mr Hogg said that about 180 garages were licensed now. These had adjusted business on the basis of holding licences.

Mr David Harris (St Ives, C) said that many garages with licences were in rural areas, and established businesses should be able to continue to serve their local communities.

Threat to BBC licence urged

The following report of a Lords debate on the BBC appeared in later editions yesterday.

The Government was urged to threaten to revoke the BBC's licence and take action under the royal charter if the corporation did not refrain from showing television dramas such as the recent play *Airbase*, seen by many as anti-American.

Lord Chalfont (Ind) initiated the debate in which many peers supported him in criticizing recent BBC drama such as *Airbase*, *The Monocled Mutineer* and the planned *Tumbledown*.

He said that the BBC had systematically contravened the requirement under the charter for impartiality.

The Government not only had the right to interfere in the content of BBC programmes but, in certain circumstances, a statutory duty to do so.

He could recite a whole list of programmes that could not be regarded as impartial.

The balancing of programmes was a confidence trick, giving rise to two biased programmes.

Airbase was one of a long succession of controversial programmes. He would not waste time on talking about its artistic merits because it had none.

The entire production was a sustained and malevolent attack on a group of American Servicemen whose bearing and reputation was of a very high standard and who made a high contribution to the security of the free world and therefore of Britain.

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Lord Kagan (Lab) also criticized *Airbase*, stating that not since the days of Goebbels had he seen such a vicious and tendentious misrepresentation of a group of people.

Lord Bonham-Carter (SLD) said that if Sir William Rees-Mogg, who had an unconcealed distaste for the BBC, were appointed chairman of the proposed Broadcasting Standards Authority it would confirm the fears of those who felt that the Government was not interested in supporting the BBC as a valuable independent institution.

Lord Annan (Ind), who chaired the committee on the future of broadcasting, said he believed that there was a small clique of producers and writers who consistently denigrated not just the policies of the Government but also the authority of the state.

Their objective was to cover them with slime.

In the committee's report it was stated that, although it was right that accepted orthodoxies should be challenged, the established view should be clearly and fully put – and that had sometimes been lacking.

But one did not want to go back to the days of censorship by the Lord Chamberlain's office.

He could imagine nothing more disastrous than to threaten to revoke the BBC's licence.

Lord Orr-Ewing (C) said that it was a disaster when truth and fiction were inter-twined as in *The Monocled Mutineer* and the proposed *Tumbledown* play about the Falklands war.

He understood that in *The Falklands Play*, the playwright had been asked by the BBC to cut out aspects that showed Mrs Thatcher in a womanly light and leave in those that showed her as hard and domineering.

Lord Swann (Ind), former chairman of the BBC, said that much bias was in the eye of the beholder. If the licence was revoked it would make it easier for successive governments to do so again and again. That would lead to the precipice of totalitarian control.

For the Opposition, **Lady Birk** said that if the licence or charter were revoked it would be the start down a dangerous and slippery slope. Three recent plays had been criticized out of a total of 800.

People had the right to decide what they wanted to see and could always turn off.

It was the responsibility of the BBC to respond to the mistakes it made. If there were no mistakes it probably meant there were no innovations.

Earl Ferrers, Minister of State, Home Office, said that the BBC chairman, Mr Marmaduke Hussey, had said that there was little merit in the *Airbase* programme and that it had been "one of those failures which are, I suggest, inevitable in such a wide and varied dramatic output".

Lord Chalfont had been right to complain and was entitled to claim that the programme did not live up to the standards expected of the BBC.

But that was not a matter which fell within the Government's responsibility. Nor did it offend against the charter.

If a requirement for impartiality were enforceable under the charter it would place the Home Secretary of the day in an intolerable position.

"He would be obliged to be the arbiter in any or all the representations which may be made to him about programme content."

That would be censorship and broadcasting by Government consent. It could even develop into broadcasting by Government diktat.

SPECTRUM

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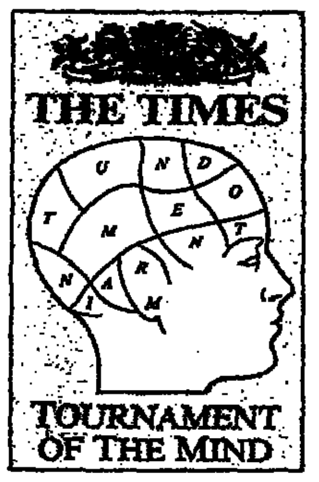
Tournament of the Mind — top school



The Kimbolton Ten should have been hard at work in their first lesson of the day when news broke of their triumph in The Times Tournament of the Mind.

They had been summoned by the head, Roger Peel, a figure almost as immense and imposing as the stately Cambridgeshire pile which this mixed public school has occupied since picking it up for a song from the Earl of Manchester's family in 1948.

They assembled in an area which is really the entrance hall but which, through the vagaries of public school lingo, is called the Saloon. This is situated next to the Green Room, which is next to the head's room, which is actually called the Queen's Room because Catherine of Aragon died here.

She might well have come to life if only she could have seen the faces of the ten at the very moment, 10.03am yesterday, that they heard of their victory. They wore the same sort of expression that was once seen on famous people at the approach of Eamonn Andrews with a large book tucked under his arm.

However, boys and girls at Kimbolton do not become "over the moon" or "well chuffed" on such occasions — just quietly elated. It's the masters who go berserk.

As we filed into the library for a pre-school Press conference, security seemed rather tight; but the Heseltinian young men in combat fatigues were there only for the regular parade of the Combined Cadet Force.

So was group leader Adam Richardson (17, lower sixth, 10 A grades at O level) very, very brainy, or just a swot? Cries of "Both!" from the nine. Richardson himself, a remarkably accessible young man for one so successful, handled the question with a statesman's skill: "We had group discussions. I coordinated the entries, and made suggestions as to which members should concentrate on which questions, depending on what I thought they would be good at."

It all seemed to have passed off with the democracy of a Quakers' meeting. Was there a consensus on which questions were the hardest, and which the easiest? Yes; the ones that posed fewest problems were those which could be cracked by the use of simultaneous equations, as the participants were fully trained for that sort of thing. The trickiest, they agreed, were the ones in the miscellaneous category.

Kimbolton's interest in the tournament started when two young physics teachers, Stephen White and Kevin Curtis, discussed it with some of their pupils.

Very soon there were 19 volunteers, who were divided into two teams.

"I've found myself going to the library in the evenings, and seen people beavering away among the reference books," said Mr Peel, evidently impressed. "You ask what we're good at here, and of course my temptation is to say 'everything'. Obviously, almost all the pupils in our winning team are science-oriented, and many of them have learnt quite advanced computer skills."

There must also be something in the Cambridgeshire air. It will not have escaped the notice of our Tournament followers that the winner of the individual section came from Cambridge.

If only the Reverend Ronald Lancaster, teacher of chemistry, had also been a clairvoyant and foreseen the triumph. As head of religious studies, and as a passionate maker of fireworks, he is an illuminator of the firmament twice over, and would surely have run up a rocket.

Hard words however for Mensa, from both teachers and pupils alike, who said that while most of the questions were fair, some were ambiguously worded to the point of confusion. Their verdict on setters' use of language: Could do better.

Pupils at Aylesbury High School were yesterday bemoaning their misfortune. Like Kimbolton, their team managed to answer all but one question correctly, but they were disqualified by Mensa because there was an error in the way the entry was completed. As a consolation prize the team will receive a *Times Atlas of the World*.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Kimbolton's winning team. Back row (left to right): Michael Halford, Barnaby Poulton; *middle row:* Guy Littlewood, Susan Myers, Timothy Jenness, Estelle Maddocks; *front row:* Christopher Measures, Adam Richardson, Lisa Wall, and Andrew Loan

SCHOOLS' FINALS — THE ANSWERS

DAY 1

Puzzles: 1 15. 2 CARESS and SCARES 3 190969 (each number has four subtracted from it and the resultant figure is then squared). 4 220 revolutions.
General knowledge: *1 Cimbri or Teuton. 2 St Isidore of Seville. 3 Beneš. 4 The Ogaden. 5 Samizdat.*

DAY 2

Puzzles: 1 189 months (two planets are 90° in their orbit and the other two are 270° 2 The odd one out is *Colombo; the others when unscrambled read Mysore, Indore and Bhopal, all of which are in India.* 3 Multiply, minus and divide. 4 196 squares (remember that there are squares on a skew).
General knowledge: 1 Potosi. 2 *Giles Farnaby. 3 Fandango. 4 Hiroshige. 5 Lamian War or Greek War.*

DAY 3

Puzzles: 1 181. 2 Oto. 3 The answer is 23; 9 times 1 divided by 3 to give you 3; on the other side 8 plus 8 *divided by 8 to give you 2.* 4 0.8588235: *vowels equal 425 each;* consonants equal 365 each; the total value of the consonants is then divided by the total value of the vowels (the answer had to be completely correct, although *acceptable alternatives were credited).*
General knowledge: 1 Molière. 2 Dasyuridae or Dasyurinae. 3 Hakka. 4 Lammergeier. 5 Ben Hogan.

DAY 4

Puzzles: 1 33 2 The words read Buckeye, *Bruchus,* Emblica and Margosa. *Bruchus is an insect, the rest are* trees.. 3 £8.46 4 100,000,000.
General know'edge *1 Monotropáceae. 2 Indra. 3 Paul Fleming.* 4 Golems. 5 Longleat.

DAY 5

Puzzles: 1 The comet passes planet A after 396 years and passes planet B after 66 years. 2 The missing words *are STRIPE and PRIEST.* 3 £2.74. 4 L. *The letters are the first and last letters of the signs of the zodiac, beginning* with Aquarius.
General knowledge: 1 Mo-Zi. 2 Franz Grillparzer. 3 Krait. 4 Ventris. 5 Minimata disease.

I·N·G·E·N·U·I·T·Y

● INGENUITY, a new word game, starts next Monday in *The Times*. It will test not only your general knowledge but also your powers of detection. In any set of questions there may be one or two things that you happen to know; but mostly you will have to ferret out the answers and look things up. In every question there is a clue; but some clues are deliberately ambiguous.

● INGENUITY will be played for three weeks, with 10 questions per day — and for the winners there will be sets of the *1988 Encyclopaedia Britannica* in a blue leather binding, each set worth £2,280. More competition details will be given on Monday.

● Meanwhile, for practice, try the questions below. There are the same number of boxes as letters in the answers. The answer to yesterday's teaser puzzle was HILLARY. Answers to today's puzzles on Monday.

1. Cistercian abbey in Auxerre where the official headgear of a murdered prelate is to be seen.

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2. He was first when the rest were nowhere and he could have obscured the sun.

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3. It cost 226 in London in 1978 and 308 in 1984, in which currency?

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4. Surname of the man who became mayor of a town that might be near Haifa, but isn't.

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5. Colour of British Army tunics during the Napoleonic Wars, thanks to a beetle.

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6. Once it was wood, now it is granite, and you can see its light 28km away.

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7. Common English name for "cloth of Rheims" often associated with bishops.

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8. Maiden name of a widowed governess who married her boss and was hated by St Simon.

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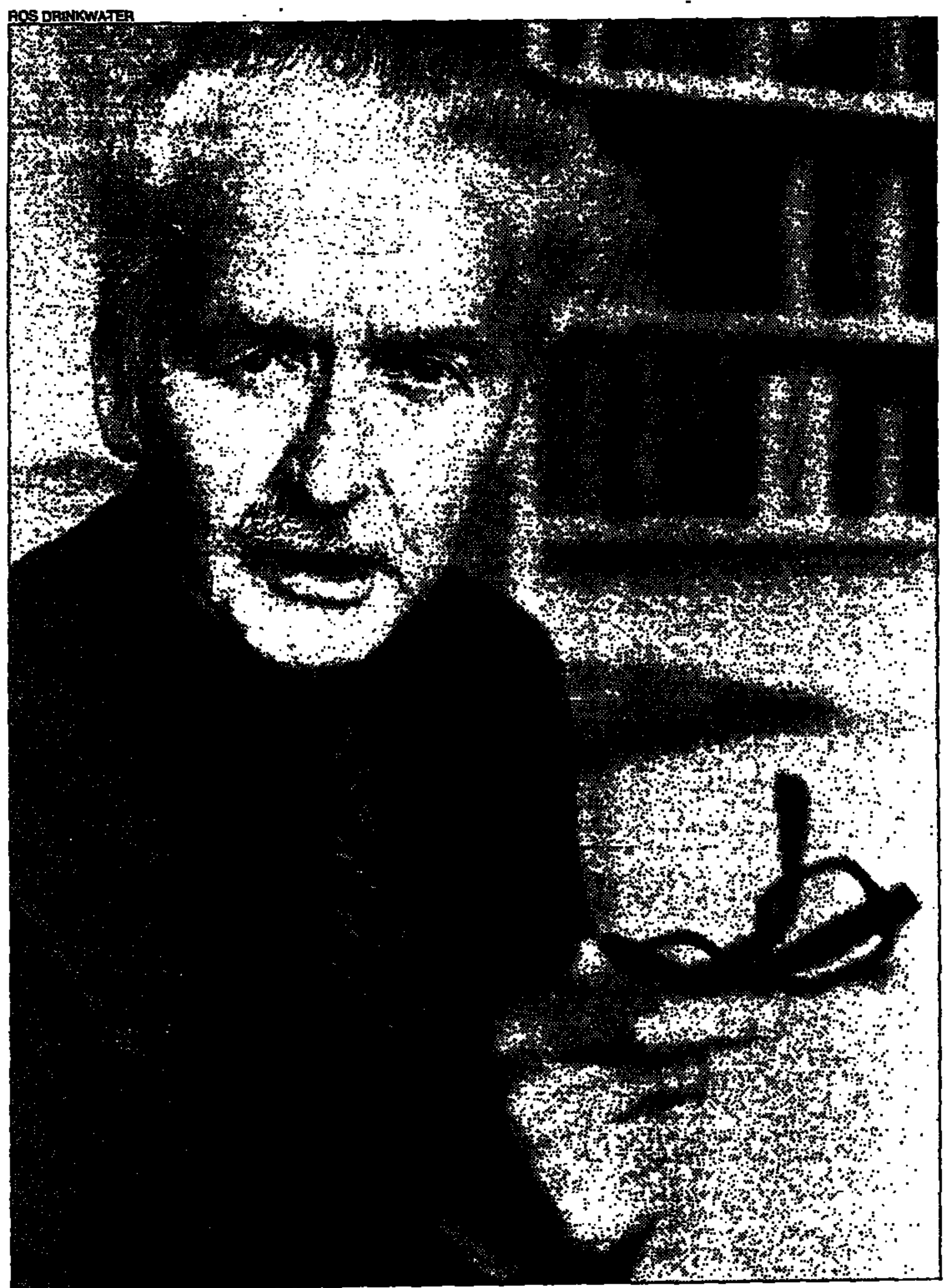

Professor Quirk believes that teachers should not regurgitate grammar for their pupils, but transmute it

Guru of grammar

Sir Randolph Quirk, the unseen force behind today's Kingman report on English teaching, explains to **George Hill** why he prefers the indirect path to good grammar

Language is power, according to the arch-grammarian of our time. In that case the Kingman report on the teaching of English, published today, is concerned not only with Shakespeare, Milton and the possessive gerund, but with young people's access to most of life's opportunities.

"Language is power, and too much English teaching today is denying pupils their full chance of wielding that power, especially if they are members of ethnic minorities," Professor Sir Randolph Quirk said this week, as he waited to hear the outcome of the Kingman committee's work. He has probably had more influence on its form and its conclusions than anyone else, even Kenneth Baker, the Education Secretary — and far more than any outside individual normally casts over the work of an official committee.

Quirk's mighty *Comprehensive Grammar of the English Language* is one of the most magisterial products of scholarship of our time. He was the leading spirit in a collaborative effort over 25 years, distilled in 1985 into a system which is as close to being definitive as any attempt to classify the wayward and incessant currents of the language can ever be. Since 1985 he has been President of the British Academy, a quiet haven after his stormy four years as a deadwood-cutting Vice-Chancellor of London University.

"We claim on the one hand that there is a single English language ... and that on the other hand there are recognizable varieties," declares the great grammar, in what sounds superficially like a truism but is in fact today a statement of considerable political force. The book provides an intellectual underpinning to the proposition that there is a right and wrong (or a finite range of rights and wrongs) about the use of English. Quirk is contemptuous of teachers who avoid troubling their pupils with mundane questions about correctness for fear of stunting a potential Shakespeare's liberty of self-expression.

Baker knew his man, and turned to him at an early stage when considering how to set up the inquiry, to which all the hopes of a whole tribe of grammatists, grammatolators and grammaticastors are now pinned. They hope to see Sir John Kingman's committee put grammar back into the classroom. Preliminary clues suggest that the committee has been heavily influenced by Quirk's evidence. Before it was set up, Baker discussed its composition with him, and followed his advice closely.

Sir Randolph in person does not give the impression of being a Great Cham, although the whole episode is a notable confirmation of his Chamship. He is deceptively tentative in his manner, and with his white moustache and large bifocals has the air of an academic hamster. But he knows what he wants to say, and as soon as he launches upon it, his hands begin to move commandingly and fluently in the non-verbal grammar of gesture, interrupted at strategic points by donnish wrestlings with the technology of briar and matchbox.

"My own very strong hope of the committee is that they will be saying there has got to be an improvement in the command of very precise skills in using English in speech and writing. I view with the greatest concern the way the educational establishment has turned away from correctness and the idea of a standard English, especially in relation to immigrants. It is just the same as the age-old argument about dialect. With the best and most charitable reasons, an educational ethos is developing here that it is wrong to tamper with the way a child already talks.

> *'All children should be taught to take pride in use of language'*

"But it is very much to the detriment of the rest of the population, and not to the advantage of the blacks if they are not given a command of standard English, which gives them a language of wider communication, and pulls them out of deprivation. Of course teaching should not disregard the language of the home or create a conflict between the two. But all children should be taught to take a pride in their use of language, as they are in France and Germany. Spelling, handwriting — these things have gone out of the window, my dear chap!"

He gazed in a pained way at the scrawl spreading across my notebook: I had come prepared to be on my toes about my subordinate clauses, but I had not expected to have my handwriting brought into the issue as well. Hastily, I asked what practical implications all this had for the classroom. "It is not for me to dictate the means. I only assert the need for higher standards. Possibly graded achievement targets would be a help to teachers and pupils, though whether they should be age-linked, or more like existing tests for music and swimming, I'm not concerned to argue.

"But I also told the committee that I doubted whether the best way of achieving these goals was by introducing formal instruction in grammar into the classroom again. This is very difficult to get across. I happen to be very fond of grammar, but I would be astonished if my interest and technical knowledge helped me speak or write better in the least. It is taking a pride, and admiring good models, that improve performance in practice.

"If I believed that there was even a 50-50 chance that grammar lessons would improve performance, I'd say go ahead. My main doubt is my horror at what the classroom could become in consequence. Parsing and sentence analysis are quite difficult skills to acquire, but by golly, they're easy to teach, and to examine! No trouble finding performance indicators there! But I'm absolutely sceptical of their relationship to real proficiency.

"Of course, teachers need to be trained in grammar. But the measure of their success is how little they regurgitate the theory in the classroom. Instead, they must transmute it."

Today may prove a red-letter day for grammar, but a black day for pedants. If the Great Cham argued his case before Kingman with half the force he argued it to me, parsing is unlikely to be hauled from its resting-place in the graveyard of dead pedagogy, along with the slate-pencil, the rote and the dunce's cap.

SATURDAY

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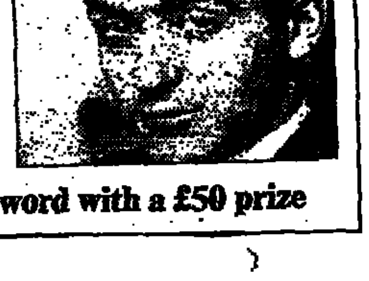


He wrote his first song in 1907, and had his first hit in 1911. We look at the Russian who became an American institution

Plus. . . Jumbo Crossword with a £50 prize

FINDINGS

A weekly series on research

CONSERVATION

Seabirds are particularly vulnerable to oil spills at sea. However, most research has been done on captive birds, which spend only limited time at sea. A new Canadian study of Leach's storm petrels — one of the world's most abundant true seabirds, which comes to land only for breeding — shows clearly that adult petrels exposed to small doses of oil have reduced egg hatching success and young birds have a lower survival rate. The research, reported in *The Journal of Applied Ecology* (25:125 — 43) shows that the greater the oil exposure of breeding adults, the more marked was the reproductive failure. In some cases this was due to oiled adults temporarily abandoning their nesting burrows. But lightly oiled petrels generally recovered by the following breeding season, returning to their breeding colony burrows and regaining successful reproduction rates. ***Malcolm Smith***

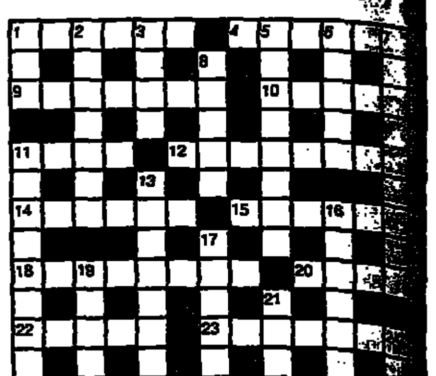
METEOROLOGY

How long is a day? It is a remarkable feature of the physical principle of the conservation of momentum that if the circulation of the global atmosphere speeds up or slows down then there will be a minute compensating change in the rate of the earth's rotation. Using atomic clocks, it has been possible to show that changes of a few milliseconds in the length of the day have correlated closely with changes in the overall motion of the atmosphere. These measurements have now been extended to show that periodic patterns over 40 to 50 days in tropical weather are detectable as variations in the length of the day. ***W.J. Burroughs***

HISTORY

The 40th birthday celebrations of the Israeli state bring to mind the great diaspora of early modern history, the 500th anniversary of which comes up in three years' time. Jewish tradition claims that Ferdinand and Isabella's expulsion of the Jews from Spain ultimately ruined the country because it deprived Spaniards of their only financial exports at a time when the economy was unbalanced by an influx of gold and silver from the New World. But in the May *Past & Present*, Henry Kamen of Warwick University shows that the numbers of Jews expelled were much smaller than claimed; about 70,000 (170,000 claimed) and that the majority converted rather than go. The real loss, apparently, had been from the already Christianized Jews who, with access to higher echelons of society, really had made money but still fell foul of the newly-formed Inquisition. ***John Crossland***

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1552



ACROSS
1 Empty (6)
4 Sterile (6)
9 Royal Berkshire castle (7)
10 Father (5)
11 Jui-Long rivermouth port (4)
12 Precious family object (8)
14 Gossip (6)
15 Butt (6)
18 Pointlessness (8)
20 Male deer (4)
22 Angry (5)
23 Make better (7)
25 God's name (6)
26 Insist upon (6)

DOWN
1 Solemn pledge (3)
2 Comply with standards (7)
3 Monster loch (4)
5 Roughness of temper (8)
6 Related proportion (5)
7 Nazi trials site (9)
8 Excessive desire (5)
11 Fanciful, unrealistic (4-5)
13 Target centre (5-3)
16 Surpassed (7)
17 Sedate (5)
19 Rubbish (5)
21 Cutlery plating
24 Take meal (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 1551
ACROSS: 1 Imprimatur 8 Endemic 9 Vital 10 Kiln 11 Spectrum 13 Bleep 14 Tally 16 Sobriety 18 Roam 21 Cirri 22 Typhoon 23 Anima
DOWN: 1 Indulge 2 Pomp 3 Incapacitated 4 Advocate 5 Utter 6 Be 7 Clammy 12 Optimism 13 Basics 15 Lookout 17 Baron 19 Mend 2 Apse

TIMES DIARY

ROBERT ADLEY

Regrettably, the amount of post received by MPs has increased horrendously in recent years. It is boosted by those with a clear commercial interest, namely lobbying organizations retained by gullible commercial, charitable or single-issue groups. To most members, such missives are at best time-wasting, at worst totally counter-productive. One trick employed by these leeches is to telephone and ask for an interview in the interests of "research". They seek members willing to give half an hour of their time, free, in order to prepare a report on "parliamentary opinion" for their clients. Ex-members and members' wives seem to form a proportion of the interrogators.

Busy colleagues can easily avoid such time-wasting ambushes by asking for 5 per cent of the fee to be charged to the client. The pestering soon stops as word spreads around these incestuous organizations, some of which are using offices, desks and telephones inside the Palace of Westminster provided by the taxpayer.

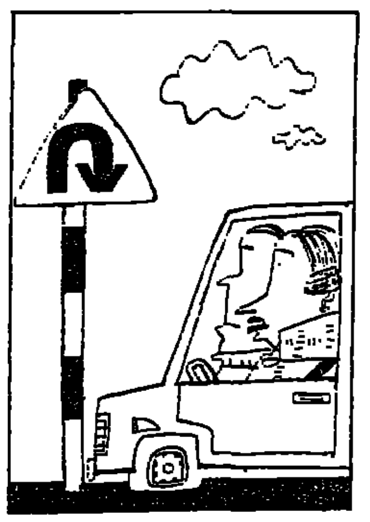
Equally expensive are the hordes of so-called "free" research assistants who seek self-evaluation by the number of parliamentary questions, amendments to Bills and early day motions and requests to ministers' offices which they concoct, and which cost the British taxpayer untold millions. Their presence in places like the members' canteen is now mercifully being restricted.

Members' privacy and parliamentary life are uneasy bedfellows: the television cameras are unlikely to increase the opportunities for slumber or slouching in the chamber. One feature of our life, however, will remain discreetly hidden from the camera, namely prayers at 2.30. Mr Speaker, his chaplain and those members either saintly or intending to secure a seat for the day intone a regular diet of Prayers for the Parliament. We are enjoined to lay aside our "private interests, prejudices and partial affections". Immediately thereafter Question Time begins, and the latter two injunctions are quickly forgotten, as preconceived political attitudes fill the air. Rarely are vows so lightly taken and so quickly broken.

● **Why do the press consider it an embarrassment for the Government when the Prime Minister and her ministers listen to, and take note of, the concern of their backbenchers? Surely that is the latter doing their job and the former responding appropriately.**

Hopes nurtured by the Government that their Lordships may emerge from the backwoods to vote down opposition to the Local Government Finance Bill may be dashed. The custodians of our castles and stately homes may balk at the prospect of overtly furthering their own financial interests: they will be paying just the same community charge as their gardeners in their semis.

BARRY FANTONI



'Look dear. You can make a concession'

Arguably the most pernicious side-effect of any recent legislation has been the proliferation, congestion, pollution and illegal parking of coaches in central London resulting from coach deregulation.

Described by the Metropolitan Police as "horrendous", the city is being choked to death by these tower-blocks on wheels, whose motorway driving was so graphically described as "intimidatory" by Lynda Chalker when she was transport minister. Civic-minded citizens might care to follow my example by reporting illegal driving by these anti-social invaders to the police.

Awaiting framing is a letter just received from the Met thanking me for my help in bringing two coach drivers to court, where they were each fined £40 for driving the wrong way down a narrow one-way street in residential SW1. Perhaps we need a coach vigilante patrol: what we certainly need is a very substantial increase in their licence fee – a mere £85 per annum for a 53-seater coach is an insult; or perhaps the opposite, namely a badge acknowledging the power of the road lobby inside the Department of Transport.

● **Surely the archetypal act of cowardice: sending an anonymous letter to one's MP accusing him of cowardice!**

Somewhere in my Dorset constituency are two ladies entitled to an apology and an explanation. During the last election, while absent briefly attending the back-man, my wife Jane sought to explain my reservations about the community charge. Having previously heard me a few doors away explain what at the time seemed to be the policy, Jane told her inquisitors that "Robert has serious doubts about it, and the Government is awaiting the outcome of an experiment that is being carried out in Stockton."

On further inquiry, Jane, using her fertile imagination, explained that "this experiment is being conducted within the borough boundaries of Harold Macmillan's erstwhile constituency."

I hope my friends in the Scottish National Party will forgive her for mis-hearing me: let us hope that my two constituents – in Three Legged Cross if my memory serves me well – read this column, and come to terms with what must have seemed a somewhat eccentric explanation!

Martin Fletcher on the Democrat-SDP election showdown

When centre fights centre

After ten months of bitterness and bickering, David Owen, David Steel, Robert Maclennan and their followers are facing the moment of truth. Next Thursday, for the first time since the disintegration of the Alliance and the formation of the two new groupings, the electorate will have the chance to pass judgement on their antics and on their relative strengths.

The Social and Liberal Democrats, comprising the former Liberal party and roughly half the old SDP, are fielding 2,500 candidates in local elections throughout the country and have 440 councillors defending seats.

Owen's SDP is putting up 350 candidates and has nine sitting councillors defending seats. Will they be annihilated, or will they secure just enough of the vote to enable them to live on as a credible fourth force?

However, it is the results from the 180-odd seats on a handful of councils around the country where the two centre parties are competing that the parties' leaders will watch most anxiously. Will the Democrat candidates slaughter their SDP opponents, thus strengthening the Democrat leaders' resolve to reject any deal with Owen at national level? Will the SDP candidates succeed in splitting the centre vote, thus putting pressure on the Democrat leaders to think again?

One town where the two are opposing each other is Gillingham in Kent, where the Democrats, from having no councillors in 1979, now need to acquire only two to have the 16 necessary to end 12 years of Tory control.

However, Leighton Andrews, Alliance parliamentary candidate in Gillingham last June and now a member of the Democrats' interim federal executive, is frank about priorities: "The SDP have to be strangled at birth. That is the task we have set ourselves in Gillingham for this year. If we were to end up at the next general election with another Alliance and David Owen under even less control than last time, our party would never make the breakthrough."

John Drossopoulos, SDP area secretary, accuses Andrews, a staunch former Liberal, of having deliberately sabotaged attempts by the two parties to reach a local agreement. He claims the SDP offered all along to let the Democrats have a free run where they had sitting councillors and in their stronger wards. ". . . it is crazy for the two parties to fight each other and let the Tories in," he says.

He produces a wodge of correspondence with Andrews to support his claim. In one letter, referring to the only direct talks on the issue, in December, he accused Andrew and Councillor Bob Sayer, Democrat leader on the council, of attending the meeting with the sole purpose of wrecking it.

"Certainly your comment at 8.25pm, ten minutes into the meeting, that you wanted to be home by 9.00pm to watch *The Killing Fields* on television did not show a wish to negotiate, especially as you and Cllr Sayer had spent the best part of these ten minutes hurling insults upon us for being 'crypto-Tories', 'undemocratic' and the like."

Andrews insists that he entered negotiations in good faith, and that he was prepared to let the SDP fight certain wards, but that what the SDP really wanted was a new Alliance with written agreements on the division of seats. "We did not end the Liberal Party to continue the Alliance," he says.

Sayer shares this view: ". . .the SDP have formed a new party but want the privileges extended to the old Alliance. I have not given up 26 years of Liberal membership and worked bloody hard through some pretty dire days for that," he says.

The SDP is opposing the Democrats in 11 Gillingham seats, including those of three sitting Democrat councillors and those where the Tories are most vulnerable. The air is thick with recrimination, and the local media is lapping up the insults hurled by one side at the other.

The latest SDP leaflet describes the Democrats as "the new party which was cobbled together in a panic after they had rejected the sincerely held views of their leaders (incidentally, who is their leader?)."

Mr Drossopoulos, rejecting the accusation that his SDP candidates are "spoilers", insists that more than 90 per cent of Medway's Social Democrats rejected merger with the Liberals, that the SDP case has to be put, and that had they really been intent merely on inflicting maximum damage on the Democrats they would have fielded candidates against two other sitting Democrat councillors defending marginal wards.

The real "spoilers", he says, are the Democrats, who had rejected consensus politics. ". . . they are betraying those who voted for the Alliance at the general election and the people of Gillingham, who will suffer another spell of Tory control."

There is evidence of general confusion among the voters over which party is which, even though the Democrats are deliberately referring to themselves as "Liberal Democrats". Graham Barnes, husband of SDP MP Rosie, was assured of one woman's support because Rosie was "such a good Liberal". Other voters, previously sympathetic to the Alliance, clearly intend to stay at home.

Andrews says that with one possible exception the SDP will come last in every ward, with less than 5 per cent support. He claims that in one, the only SDP supporters he found were the parents and neighbours of the candidate. The SDP is thin on the ground, inactive and new to the area, he says.

Drossopoulos, on the other hand, claims that SDP canvass returns show healthy support, and that sitting Democrat councillors may well be unseated. However, he acknowledges the Liberals' long supremacy in the town and ducks the question of whether the SDP can hope to win a single ward.

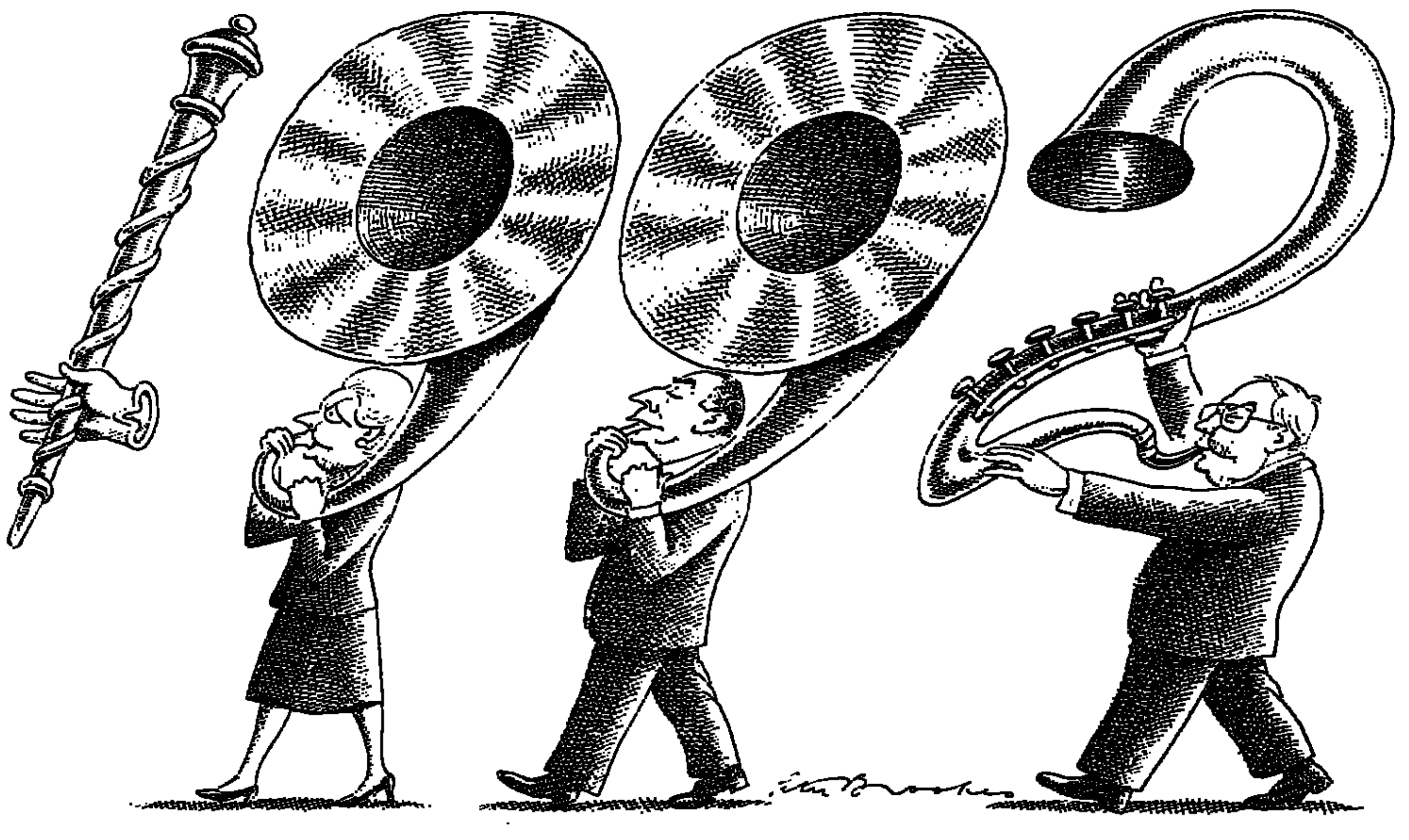
He says that, shorn of the mergerites, the local party is much more highly motivated with a growing membership, much clearer message and distinct identity. The SDP will not go away. "We believe that in the long term it will be they who suffer. Time will work for the more dynamic of the two parties and that is us."

The only real winners in Gillingham, judging by the centre party squabbling, will be the Tories. Unless the SDP *is* strangled at birth, or unless a national agreement *is* reached, the same story will soon be repeated across the country. It is an issue that the Democrats' leadership will have to address.

Meanwhile, in Gillingham and elsewhere, the old Alliance faithful must be wondering at what they have thrown away.

Roy Jenkins

Who will lead Europe?



It is 40 years since there assembled at The Hague the inaugural congress of the European Movement, which was the effective public launching of the post-war drive to unity. It was attended by nearly all the great figures, save the Germans, who had barely emerged, of the western part of the shattered continent.

There was also strong British representation. Churchill, whose fame still bestrode Europe, gave a great oration, and much of the organizational drive had been provided by his son-in-law, Duncan Sandys. Partly for this reason, the Labour Party was already a little suspicious of such dangerous supra-nationalism, but a few of its MPs attended.

Next week there is an anniversary commemoration in Holland. Inevitably there is danger of it having some of the features of last autumn's Arnhem reunion: old soldiers (or those who wish they had been) putting on their medals and their bowler hats and living on their memories. Maybe some of the speakers will flog old passions to tatters. Yet is is as well to remember first that the Hague congress of 1948 was the precursor of a great deal more than rhetoric, and second that there is now at least a substantial chance that something at once practical and profound will happen in Europe by 1992.

In these circumstances it is a pity that the British government, true to its steady habit since the beginning of the Coal and Steel Community in 1951 of not going to the tailor's and then complaining that the suit is made to fit someone other than themselves, should be so under-represented. Emilio Colombo, the Italian finance minister, the West German head of state and, so it is insisted against the odds, the still electioneering President Mitterrand will be present. The British government will send the admirable but hardly senior Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State at the Foreign Office.

Much more important however is the question of whether Europe really can create the single market in the next five years, and whether, if it does, Britain will be ready for it. Lord Young continues to will the end without willing the means (expecting everyone else to vote for what Britain wants while excoriating Lord Cockfield, our *senior commissioner for the* internal market, for advocating equally what others want) but also mounts a vigorous publicity campaign to alert British business. In spite of this the awareness and enthusiasm for what may be in store seems to me to be barely a quarter of that prevalent among, for example, Milan-based companies.

British agnosticism, if based on an informed and sceptical view of the likelihood of getting 12 countries to agree on the multiplicity of necessary changes within a very few years, might have a certain foundation. It is too easily assumed that everything is over bar the shouting. But if, as is more typically the case, it is based on ignorance and indifference, it is much more dangerous.

The initial enthusiasm, generated in 1948, lasted the European Community for approximately 30 years. Towards the end of that period it was on a declining asset basis. But it was there. *If I had to fix a date, I* would say that it ran out nine years ago this spring. Two events then coincided. Jean Monnet died (at the age of 88) and the European Monetary System came into operation (very quick from conception, not much more than a year before, but delayed in delivery by a last minute French ploy).

The one might be thought of as the closing of an account and the other as the opening up of a new horizon. In fact, they both symbolized the end of the third of a century of reaction to Western Europe's 1940-45 self-immolation.

Monnet was a dogmatic but practical idealist. He rarely raised the emotional stakes, but he had an absolute conviction that what he advocated was right and that those who thought otherwise just had not understood the issues. He was a supranational Mrs Thatcher without the stridency. He propounded the unity of Europe for political reasons but, the aborted European Defence Community apart, by economic means.

The EMS was directly in this tradition. I was much influenced in proposing it by Monnet's dictum that the best recipe for Europe was always to move forward along the axis of least resistance, provided that it led broadly in the right direction.

The idea aroused almost his last enthusiasm; and circumstances of its implementation provided a classic example of his optimistic faith that objective circumstances – in this case the 1978 collapse of the dollar and the peculiar damage to Europe of internal currency fluctuation – mostly come to the aid of sensible propositions.

Yet the EMS was not the harbinger of a successful general advance in Europe. It was the last kick of the old view that if you gave Europe a political objective it would find an economic way of implementing it. When the EMS was put in place it was the last advance of substance to be made by Europe for more than a decade. No sooner was it achieved (with Britain abstaining) than the Community plunged into the tunnel of the British budgetary dispute which largely preoccupied it from 1979 to 1987. During this period there were changes of framework (the enlargement from nine to 12 members) and of machinery (the Single European Act), the one making decision-making still more difficult, the other compensating for this, but nothing of significant substance.

Meanwhile Europe had continued to slip further behind both America and Japan, so far at least as the growth of combined GDP and the command over new technology are concerned. And it is this, perhaps appropriately in view of the highly materialist values of modern societies, which has called Europe out of its slumber towards the goal of 1992.

In contrast with 30 or 40 years ago there is not much political idealism about it. There has not even been much reaction to the weak hand which Europe has played in recent global negotiations or to the effect which changing American orientation may have upon our future defence. To put it aphoristically it is the waste involved in the queues of lorries waiting at frontiers rather than the vision of a greater unity and influence which has recently stirred Europe. It is the dalek-like tones of Lord Cockfield's ordinances rather than the inspiring cadences of the Belgian statesman Paul-Henri Spaak which now provide the theme music.

Previously in Europe the politicians led reluctant businessmen and hesitant economies towards the promised land of a more integrated market. Now it is the other way round. Whether it can be achieved without effective political leadership, which has eluded Europe since the end of the Schmidt-Giscard partnership, I do not know. In recent years Chancellor Kohl has been too flat-footed, Mrs Thatcher too semi-detached, and President Mitterrand too hobbled by *cohabitation*. I cannot see either of the first two changing their characteristics. Maybe President Mitterrand will gain a new international authority on May 8. But he will still need a partner with whom to dance, for Europe cannot easily be led from a single capital.

Maybe leadership in the heroic sense is an out-of-date concept. Perhaps the dalek-like instructions if sufficiently clearly and repetitiously given, are all that is necessary. But I doubt it. I think Europe will need some good tunes as well as clear instructions if it is to get to 1992 on time.

Commentary • ROBERT KILROY-SILK

Fifth column clique

The Shadow Cabinet decision to withdraw the whip from Ron Brown is a promising sign. It suggests that the Labour leadership is more confident about what it stands for, and what it *will not tolerate. That will be* welcomed by all its supporters.

But Brown, MP for Leith, is of no real consequence. He is an amiable enough man in private but is totally without influence in the Parliamentary Labour Party. It's a relatively easy matter to dispose of a loner who represents no organizational or ideological challenge to the Kinnockite hegemony.

There are others more difficult to deal with. As Bill Jordan, president of the engineering workers' union, lamented this week, the PLP contains "a significant band of adolescent revolutionaries". Juvenile they might well be, but there is no denying that there exists a number of Labour MPs who have little in common with mainstream Labour politics and are out of sympathy with the leadership. They, too, are confident, indeed cocky enough, to advertise their disenchantment, flaunt their separateness, and openly challenge the leadership, not just in party elections but at almost every conceivable opportunity.

Benn and Heffer are the most conspicuous of the dissidents. The ideological gap between the "revolutionaries", largely but not exclusively represented in the Campaign Group, and the rest of the party is vast. Their allegiance is to Marxism rather than to the values of Christian *socialism, they prefer class* warfare to co-operation, and seek confrontation rather than consensus. They are the ones who loudly proclaim their unequivo*cal support for the miners, the* printers, and "all workers in struggle". The ideological divide between the pragmatic majority and the few zealots has always existed. It has become wider as the present leadership has belatedly sought to return the party to its founding principles and to its members, while the "adolescents" have become more adventurist.

Labour voters want nothing to do with the policies espoused by the hard left. When weak leadership allowed it to propel to the forefront of Labour politics proposals for the extension of state control, for Britain to go unilateralist and withdraw from Nato and the EEC, the party started losing elections and members. Indeed, none of their policies has ever been acceptable to the British public in general, particularly working people. There is not a single council ward or one parliamentary constituency that would give them the time of day.

But the "revolutionaries" know this, and they aren't silly. That is why obvious Trotskyites never stand as Trotskyite candidates. It is why none of those who espouse insurrectionist policies from the safety and comfort of the Commons benches, who flirt with Marxism, embrace dictatorial regimes abroad or smile on Sinn Fein, would ever be so foolish as to *subject themselves to the* electorate on these particular issues.

They can get elected without all that hassle: all they need is a Labour ticket. Once that is *tucked safely in their pocket* they can devote most of their parliamentary time to their sectarian causes. The well-meaning might wonder if it matters. The Labour Party, after all, is a broad church. So it is, and that is its problem. Those who want it to be a broad church, who constantly assert the value of it being so, are precisely the ones who would not be given pew space in any properly run organization.

It matters because, as Bill Jordan said, they are "Maggie's Fifth Column, undermining all the work we do in the Labour Party". It matters because they repeatedly represent the leadership as crypto-SDP, potential betrayers of the movement, and make it appear weak and indecisive by constantly opposing its parliamentary strategy.

But what really matters is that these adolescents are, in effect, a separate entity within the Labour Party. They share a feeling, a set of values and a strong sense of common purpose that binds them closer to one another than to the rest of the party. That gives them the ability to be the tail wagging the dog of a potential Labour government.

Neil Kinnock knows this. He owes them nothing. Without the Labour Party they are nothing. With them, the Labour Party is never likely to amount to anything.

SCIENCE REPORT

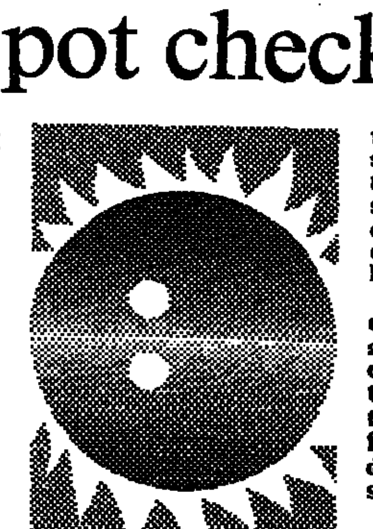
Spot check

Suspicions that the sunspot cycle may affect the weather may be bolstered by satellite measurements of changes in the Sun's energy output since 1980. But the difference in the *energy output between the* maximum and minimum of the sunspot cycle is only one-thirtieth of 1 per cent, hardly enough to cause obvious climatic changes.

The new measurements have been made with instruments mounted on the Earth satellite known as the Solar Maximum Mission (SMM) and are reported in this week's *Nature* by Richard C. Willson, of the Jet Propulsion laboratory, and H.S. Hudson at the University of California, San Diego.

The SMM satellite is one of the first to have been equipped with instruments for measuring the total energy output of the Sun, from infra-red to ultraviolet. It has provided continuous measurements since February 1980, a few months before the most recent maximum of the solar sunspot cycle in November of that year.

The most striking feature of the new data is that the energy output is greatest at the peak of the sunspot cycle. It might have been expected that energy output would be lowest when the Sun's surface is covered by sunspots (which are relatively dark).



Richard Leadbetter

The explanation is that the sunspots appear to be accompanied by bright patches (called "faculae"), the extra radiation of which is greater than that of the sunspots. The presence of both sunspots and faculae is now measured by ground-based telescopes, the faculae by means of records of characteristic signs of calcium in the visible solar spectrum.

In support of their belief that even the small variations of solar energy output may influence the Earth's climate, the authors remark that the "Little Ice Age" spanning the 16th and 17th centuries coincided with a period when sunpots were virtually absent for several decades. But that argument does not imply that there is a link between sunspots and climate, only that the prolonged absence of sunspots during several sunspot cycles may have a cumulative effect on the climate of the Earth.

Willson and Hudson also explain how they have been able to represent the changes of the Sun's energy output in the simplest of mathematical terms as a cyclic phenomenon, from which they infer that the duration of the present sunspot cycle may be 10.8 years.

But solar physicists will not be surprised if experience in the next few years shows the length of the present cycle to be different from that: past records show that the approach to a sunspot maximum is usually more rapid than its decline.

Although the new data are more precise than any previously made available, it is plain that the authors have had some difficulty in making sense of the measurements recorded by their satellite instruments. One problem has been of arranging that the SMM satellite keeps a constant orientation relative to the Sun. Another has been that of making sure that the three independent sets of instruments with which the satellite is equipped accurately monitor each other's performance.

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OFF COURSE

The Government is looking as though it has lost its way. A fog of concessions has been allowed to fall upon what had already become a dark and confusing forest of local government and social security reform. There may not be anything wrong in the individual changes it has made to its proposals. There is everything wrong in the way that those changes have been forced upon it.

The Conservatives began the journey into their third term with an important strand of radicalism in their programme – one which heartened all whose aims for Conservatism included a progressively smaller role for the State. Put at its simplest (which it rarely was) it stated that when changes were being made to the tax or benefits system, the effects should be felt not fudged.

The modern tax collector has been brought up to be like the modern dentist, carrying out his extractions with the minimum possible pain. PAYE and VAT are his tools. If the patient feels not a thing, then so much the better. The community charge, on the other hand, was designed to hurt. It was intended to make all its payers aware how their money was being spent – and thus encourage them to vote for those who would spend less.

So too with the benefits system. The training of the DHSS functionary has been in minimizing the pain of transition. The original aim of the new proposals was that there should be clear losers. The total amount paid out was to be cut. Cash was no longer to go in such great quantity to groups who were judged not to need it.

These were laudable aims. The painkilling practitioners of public finance tend to believe in a big role for the State; those more sparing with the anaesthetic prefer a larger role for individual freedom. In that respect, as well as others, the social security and local government reforms could be warmly welcomed.

But later, and with gathering ungainly pace in recent days, this central reforming idea seems to have been lost. The development of the community charge – the exemptions and in particular its "capping" by Whitehall – has resulted in a less clear link between taxing and spending. Those with £8,000 in savings may now receive housing benefit – a weakening of the principle that those with substantial assets should not benefit from the taxes paid by those with no assets at all. The average tax payer contributes £40 every week to social security benefits – a figure which dramatizes the success of the quiet extractors more than any words can do.

The decision to apply "transitional protection" may be judged right by certain traditional standards of social security reform. But it would seem to blunt the principle of addressing the "dependency culture", as Mr John Moore once dared to put it. It also carries an unmistakable whiff of old-fashioned "inflation culture" as administrators wait for increases in the retail price index to ease the transfer from one benefit level to another.

The Government did not, of course, make these and other concessions because it suddenly realized the error of its ways. It did so in response to what are loosely known as political pressures – letters to MPs, tales of rough justice, all instances of the very attitudes which it had wished to deal with by introducing the reforms in the first place.

If the Government did not realize that the social security reforms would cause pain, then its strategy was not the radical one we thought it was. If it felt that it had simply miscalculated the amount of pain, then it should have given itself time to take proper stock before being forced into daily appeasement of its opponents.

For every new hard case on Mr Robin Cook's clipboard, there was an equally hard case under the old system. There are thousands of cases where people will gain from the new rules, not merely the hypothetical people produced in ministerial speeches but people just as real as those corresponding with Mr Cook. Tory MPs would have been better advised to find some of them instead of contributing to the further blunting of much-needed reform.

PLANNING FOR NATO

Nato has reached a key point in its history. By withdrawing intermediate-range nuclear missiles from Europe, the INF treaty has removed some of the concerns which dominated defence thinking over the last decade – only to put new ones in their place. Given that governments are now grappling with fresh issues, this week's meeting of the Nuclear Planning Group (NPG) was a modest success.

Behind the careful wording of the communiqué, the alliance has edged towards a decision on the modernization of its short-range nuclear weapons. The need to uprate Lance in the 1990s and to develop a new air-launched missile would have existed without the INF treaty. What the treaty has done, by removing the longer-range weapons, is to give the requirement to update the shorter ones higher priority.

The meeting took place against a background of dispute. The West Germans remain suspicious of "modernization," while the new Danish anti-nuclear policy led to the meeting being switched from Denmark itself to Brussels. It took a sharp US intelligence briefing to convince some doubting allies that the Soviet Union has its own nuclear updating programme.

But the alliance faces its more immediate difficulties over the modernization of conventional forces. Recent Soviet proposals for a two-year moratorium on defence spending find a receptive audience as military budgets shrink and the complexity and cost of equipment continues to grow. Nato must treat this peace initiative too with caution.

As alliance leaders stressed at their recent summit, the continuing East-West imbalance in conventional forces remains at the core of all their security concerns. This imbalance will weigh all the more heavily as a result of the INF treaty. With falling manpower resources in most countries, it is unlikely to be easily redressed.

Nato's answer is to bank on the Western lead in modern technology. In order to pull together the differing national modernization programmes and to align them with the requirements of its military commanders, the alliance has launched a Conventional Defence Improvements (CDI) initiative, which aims to produce a range of new equipment.

It is well illustrated by the plan for Europe's central region called Follow-on Forces Attack (FOFA). Nato's defences are at risk of being quickly destroyed in wartime by an aggressor, who, given the advantage of surprise, could concentrate considerably greater forces at critical points. The alliance would then have no reserves available to deal with an enemy's second echelon troops – driving through the gap.

At present, Nato commanders would have to ask to use nuclear weapons to resist them. Their plan is, therefore, to produce a range of conventional weapons instead, which could reach deeply into enemy territory, destroying airfields, roads, railways and communication centres, as well as troop concentrations.

The technology already exists. The problem is to adapt it, make it able to be operated by different allied forces in the central region – and to produce it. This is going to be extremely expensive.

This is why the pact's proposals for first limiting, then reducing, defence spending sound attractive. But it is also why these need to be disregarded and why Nato gave only a guarded welcome to the recent call by the pact's foreign ministers for further reductions in conventional as well as nuclear arms.

While the Soviet Union keeps half of all its active division in Europe between the Atlantic and the Urals, the Western Alliance cannot rely on statements of good intent for its security. If updated nuclear missiles or high technology systems can help to redress the balance, then they must be provided. For its part, the NPG has taken a step in the right direction.

BACK TO NOWA HUTA

The strike at Poland's biggest steelworks at Nowa Huta near Cracow has now become the country's most serious industrial dispute since the unrest of 1980-81. The conflict, which began over compensation for price rises introduced at the beginning of this month, now threatens not only the Polish leadership's incipient economic reform programme, but also the uneasy contract which was gradually coming into being between the regime and the people after the lifting of martial law.

In part, the steelworkers' strike reflects the insensitive handling by the Polish authorities of a difficult situation. Last year, the people of Poland rejected, at a referendum, a package of economic reforms which would have involved large price rises. The alternative was slower reform and more gradual price rises – but price rises none the less.

The authorities pledged that no one would lose as a result. In the event, they offered a flat rate pay increase which went nowhere near compensating for the new prices, and the fragile worker-state contract was undermined. In the past three weeks, strikes by other workers in other cities have been bought off by envoys from Warsaw bringing more money. But Nowa Huta is different, and not only because of its size.

Built in the 1950s, it was designed to be a model for the new industrialized Poland and a symbol of its future prosperity under Soviet-style socialism. Its siting, adjacent to the ancient univeristy city of Cracow, and the absence of any church within its environs, were a calculated challenge to Poland's cultural tradition. It was a challenge to which the steelworkers rose. As the independent trade union Solidarity gained momentum nine years ago, Nowa Huta was second only to the shipyards of Gdansk in supporting it.

For all these reasons, any dispute at Nowa Huta takes on national significance. Already, the steelworkers are demanding pay rises not just for themselves but for Poland's badly paid medical staff. Ominously for the authorities, they are also recognizing the leadership of Solidarity and calling for the reinstatement of Solidarity activists.

Six months ago, Poland's communist authorities must have hoped that Solidarity was a spent force. Its strength was being dissipated among divergent political groups. Some of its leaders had renounced their anti-government activities; others had joined the reform effort; others were working in the underground opposition. Now, Solidarity has raised its head in the very arena in which it is strongest.

How Mr Jaruzelski and his colleagues tackle the strike at Nowa Huta will be a test of their determination to pursue economic reform and of their ability to take Poland's workers with them. The West may seem less interested in Poland now than it was in the Solidarity era; but that interest will quickly revive.

Discontent in Poland is a subject President Reagan could well choose to raise at the coming summit in Moscow. Mr Gorbachov, for his part, has indicated that he will distance Moscow from the countries of Eastern Europe, but only so long as the authorities there are capable either of containing unrest or of managing an efficient economy. Mr Jaruzelski and his colleagues are in danger of showing their inability to do either.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Benefits under the Housing Bill

From the Minister of State for Housing and Planning

Sir, The trouble with politicking on the basis of half-understood leaked documents is that those who do it are sometimes given *more credibility than they deserve*.

Readers should not be misled by Mr Raynsford (April 25) of Raynsford & Morris, "housing and parliamentary consultants". Mr Raynsford is the former Labour member for Fulham who lost his seat at the last election.

Contrary to what he says, there is no doubt about the Government's collective commitment to meet the housing benefit consequences of the Housing Bill. The position remains as the Secretary of State for the Environment described it at second reading:

> In the private sector, rents will move towards market levels. Any Government support will focus on tenants, rather than on property, through the housing benefit system. Honourable members may be assured that housing benefit will be available for all those whose incomes are low enough to qualify for full or partial benefit.

John Moore's announcement on Wednesday underlines our commitment to protect the position of those who need help with their housing costs.

Nick Raynsford can only discredit the Housing Bill by questioning the Government's good faith. Since we will not break our word he pays a backhanded compliment to the Bill; that, at least, I welcome.

Yours sincerely,
WILLIAM WALDEGRAVE,
Department of the Environment,
2 Marsham Street, SW1.
April 28.

From Mr M. W. R. Corp

Sir, Like Mr Nick Raynsford we are concerned at the effect of the interaction between the proposed Housing Bill and housing benefit provisions which are gradually being tightened. Our special interest is the effect on older people.

Many of our 23,000 tenants are worse off as a result of the March changes, even though over 60 per cent of the sheltered housing we provide is in inner-city or designated stress areas.

In future we will increasingly have to charge higher "economic" rents. We fear that an increasing under-class or twilight group of older people will be created who are neither financially dependent enough to fall squarely into the support mechanisms nor financially independent enough to purchase housing and services on the open market.

Tapers and capital cut-offs are very crude mechanisms and provide only limited smoothing between full support and total withdrawal of support.

All housing-condition surveys have agreed on one thing – that older people are the biggest single group of occupiers of the worst housing in this community. I would hate to see the current changes in housing law and benefits increasing this sad trend.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL CORP
(Group Director),
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Oxford.
April 27.

Alienation in India

From the Chairman and Chief Executive of the Plessey Company

Sir, Your report from Delhi (April 20) about a BBC TV *Panorama* feature on Rajiv Gandhi entitled "The Pilot Prime Minister" indicates that the irresponsible use of freedom of expression by British television has caused a significant alienation by a trading partner of immense commercial potential to UK industry – i.e., India.

The title referred to his earlier career as an airline pilot, a fact used in a facile and cumbersome manner throughout the programme to demonstrate a perceived, although wholly unproven, unsuitability for what is one of the most challenging political roles in the world today.

At the time the programme was screened (January 18) I was leading a delegation of British businessmen, as co-Chairman of the Indo-British Industrialists Forum. On all sides we encountered sadness and dismay that so distorted a portrayal of Mr Gandhi could be presented by the BBC, which has traditionally enjoyed a high reputation in India.

No one I met could understand how a programme ostensibly reporting on Mr Gandhi's record could be considered as fair and objective when so many of the people asked for comment are known, implacable political enemies of Rajiv Gandhi and his Administration. It was as if a programme on Mrs Thatcher's record in office could be fairly represented through the comments of Eric Heffer, Tony Benn etc.

Recent feedback I have received from political and industrial circles indicates an unprecedented level of Indian hostility to British industry.

I invite the Governors of the BBC to review this programme, ascertain for themselves its level of negative impact on Anglo-Indian trade prospects, and take appropriate, corrective action.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN CLARK, Chairman and Chief Executive,
The Plessey Company,
Millbank Tower, SW1.
April 22.

Racial fairness

From Mr Edmund de Melo

Sir, The advice proffered to the ethnic population by Sir Patrick Donner (April 26), that if they dislike "our way of life, values and standards, there is nothing to prevent them from settling elsewhere", seems quite sound as far as first generations of ethnic immigrants are concerned.

However, as far as the second, and most certainly the third, generations of the ethnic minorities are concerned these are the non-white natives of this sceptred isle. Like the "white natives of South Africa", *pace* Mr Norman Tebbit, the non-white natives of Britain are part and parcel of this country; and it is quite preposterous even to suggest that these non-white natives are free to settle elsewhere.

Yours faithfully,
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April 27.

Cleanliness in Korea

From Dr Peter N. Farrar

Sir, Chris Peachment's piece about Korea ("Saturday", April 23) seems to me an astonishing display of personal prejudice. There were indeed many disagreeable smells in Korea during the war when I served in the Army there, but today the country is remarkable, in my experience, for the cleanliness of the cities, a transformed countryside, and a very friendly people.

I have recently spent eight weeks in several cities and small towns and not as the guest of any official body. English people are especially welcome and I found great respect for "English gentlemen".

Yours truly,
PETER FARRAR,
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Hessle,
North Humberside.
April 24.

Sale of treasures

From Mr Alastair Laing

Sir, Is nothing sacred to the Church of England any longer? Last Friday St Mary's Church, Elham, sold at Christie's an "Adoration of the Magi" attributed to the circle of Girolamo Romanino (report, April 23). The frame of this bears a prominent label stating that the painting was given to the church as memorial to Flying Officer Charles Lindsay Murray Scott, who fell near Bapaume in 1917.

It is regrettable but understandable that churches sometimes feel compelled to sell paintings that they think they cannot afford to insure (though insurance for anything but damage is not strictly necessary) or maintain, when these are simply gifts or bequests. A picture that was presented as a memorial – particularly to one who died for his country – is surely something different. It is not only an ugly act in itself; it leaves the way open for subsequent disposals of church furnishings, communion plate, and even stained glass windows, similarly presented as memorials.

There is an argument for saying that a painting placed in a church and labelled in this way has the status of a funerary monument, in which, I believe, some legal right of property continues to reside in the family of the deceased. I do not know if any effort was made to ascertain its wishes – if there is such – in this case; but I would suggest that a more appropriate action than putting the painting up for auction would have been to return it to the family, for it to place in another church with more respect of the memory of the dead.

Failing this, it should have been given to a museum, where it could at least have been stipulated that the memorial label should remain attached to it, which is scarcely likely to be the case when it passes into the hands of the trade or a private collector.

Yours faithfully,
ALASTAIR LAING,
24 Aberdeen Road, N5.

Sight to forget

From Mr John Mein

Sir, Mr Henry Wills, who lives in bosky Wiltshire, calls (April 19) for the preservation of any existing wartime buildings and structures.

I live in London, which still possesses the ugliest extant example of wartime architecture; and right in the heart of our beautiful city surrounded by the wonders of Inigo Jones, Wren and Nash.

You cannot miss it; even HM the Queen sees it from the balcony of her London home, as do her most senior ministers, the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary, from their residences. The Queen Mother sees it from Clarence House, and the First Sea Lord gets an eyeful of it from his state apartments.

There it squats, a monstrous breeze-block carbuncle, on the very edge of Horse Guards, originally built to protect the subterranean wartime offices of Churchill. You cannot miss this gigantic memorial to Hitler, only 200 yards from our own national war memorial, the Cenotaph. Only the true lovers in St James's Park fail to notice it.

Let us make 1989 the year when we demolish this grotesque eyesore. Build a pleasant piazza in its place, with lots of marble, fountains, flowers and a statue of Winston Churchill, who saved our island race these many years ago.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MEIN,
Latimer House,
Church Street, W4.

Prospect of alternative to poll tax

From the General Secretary of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation

Sir, Whilst politics in a democracy will always produce exceptions, it has long been my view that Britain is best served when the nature of a tax (the tax base, in the jargon of the trade) is broadly agreed across parties. For example, no party argues in principle against the taxation of "income" – debate is about the scale of such taxation.

Looking back, the exceptions have usually not lasted for long; often they do not survive a change of government. When they do, it is because they come to be seen as having a logic, as having equity and efficiency.

The poll tax is an astonishing example of an "exception" which by definition has none of these virtues. It is inconceivable that it will survive any change of government – indeed, popular opinion against it may not permit its survival at birth. There has to be an obligation upon the two Houses to provide responsibly for the future.

The current ludicrous and damaging situation exists as much as anything because the present rating system has grown tarnished with neglect, whilst the good advice of the Layfield committee 12 years ago has been consistently ignored.

Layfield (who did not even see a poll tax as worthy of a line of attention) saw no alternative to continuing the taxation of land and property (as in so many Western countries) but on a different basis (that of capital values) and supplemented by a local income tax (LIT).

So far the British people have not had any real opportunity of judging whether such an approach would be more acceptable. Yet probably it would be, if, for example, the LIT was paid only by those who did not pay rates, thus providing both a remedy for a major flaw in the present system and lowering the rate poundage. There could be a number of permutations on the theme of a supplementary LIT including, if desired, using a nil or low LIT liability as a measure for rate relief.

However, no one is in a position to judge the merits of a real alternative in the absence of data. Only Government has these. So far they have not been provided.

We need to know (perhaps of a proper sample) what sort and shape of list a capital-values basis of valuation would produce, what redistribution of burden would result from such a list, and what possibilities there are of tempering the result both by various rates and permutations of LIT and, where appropriate, with transitional arrangements.

The proper financing of accountable local government requires a stable tax system which will last. The poll tax, lacking any recognition of ability to pay, involving a substantial waste of resources, and bringing predictably serious compliance troubles, will not last. The serious alternative should be explored now.

Yours faithfully,
TONY CHRISTOPHER,
General Secretary,
Inland Revenue Staff Federation,
Douglas Houghton House,
231 Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1.
April 27.

Insecure tenure

From Mr Richard Clogg

Sir, The Lord Chancellor is quoted (report, April 20) as saying in the House of Lords debate on the education Bill that the Government has not closed its "ears and minds" on the issue of academic tenure. I find this hard to believe.

Some months ago I was being considered for a very senior position in an American university. Through my MP I wrote to the Secretary of State for Education to ask whether he was happy to have created at a stroke a powerful additional incentive to join the brain drain. For whereas American universities can offer vastly superior salaries and facilities, coupled with tenure, as a consequence of Mr Baker's Bill all that British universities can offer by way of a counter-inducement is a modest (in my case marginal) increase in salary coupled with loss of tenure.

Despite a further attempt by my MP, I have still received only a form letter sent in response to representations about tenure, irrespective of their content. Why are Messrs Baker and Jackson so anxious to add a British stick to the American carrot?

Yours sincerely,
RICHARD CLOGG,
King's College London,
Department of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies,
Strand, WC2.
April 21.

PM and midwives

From the General Secretary of the Royal College of Midwives

Sir, The Prime Minister is quoted (report, April 23) as saying that the Government and the Royal College of Nursing alone were responsible for drawing up a new clinical grading structure. Not so!

Midwives throughout the country will be further exasperated by the Prime Minister's statement that nurses were given a pay review body because the Royal College of Nursing had never gone on strike. There are other non-striking NHS unions, besides the RCN.

The clinical grading structure developed from the Nursing and Midwifery Staffs Negotiating Council, following considerable joint fieldwork. It was not, as the Prime Minister suggests, exclusively the brainchild of one of the staff-side organisations and the department.

Midwives who care for the nation's mothers and new babies should be praised for the work they do and their no-strike policy. Instead it appears they have once again been ignored.

Yours sincerely,
RUTH M. ASHTON,
General Secretary,
Royal College of Midwives,
15 Mansfield Street, W1.
April 25.

Misplaced humour

From Dr K. C. Bass

Sir, I was intrigued to read (University News, April 23) that Dr L.-G. Ost has been elected to a Visiting Fellowship at Wolfson College for Hilarity and Trinity Terms, 1988. I trust that he will enjoy his stay at the University of Oxford.

Yours faithfully,
K. C. BASS,
City University,
Department of Chemistry,
Northampton Square, EC1.

ON THIS DAY

APRIL 29 1910

John Masefield's concern for the weak and persecuted is illustrated by this letter written when he was 31. He was made Poet Laureate in 1930

THE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir, – I read with interest the leading article on the White Slave Traffic in *The Times* for April 20.

Will you allow me to point out some of the methods by which criminals engaged in this traffic contrive to carry on their business in spite of the law?

The procureurs (the cant name is "ponce") at work in this country are mostly foreigners. They advertise in country newspapers for good-looking housemaids. Girls living in the country answer the advertisements, send references, and perhaps photographs. The procureurs promise them positions and ask them to come to London. In some cases they send money for the ticket. When a girl arrives at the house or office of a procureur, she is told that the lady who advertised has had to go abroad, to France, Turkey, or wherever it may be; but that she has left word for the new servant to follow her as soon as possible. Money has been left for the ticket. The procureur bids the girl think well before she decides to go abroad. He recommends that she should consult her parents and obtain their written consent. When this has been done he persuades her to sign a statement that she goes abroad of her own will.

To deceive the police officials who watch the Continental steamboats at their ports of sailing, the procureur dresses the girl in good clothes, and sends or takes her to the Continent as a first-class passenger. He can afford a lavish expenditure. A young English girl will fetch £50. On her arrival abroad the girl is taken to a brothel, and detained there as the slave of the keeper of the house. As the writer of your article shows, she is "brought into debt to the house." It is almost impossible for her to escape. It is said that after 12 months of existence in a brothel a girl exhibits no trace of a moral nature. In a few years she dies.

Many procureurs make their living by seducing women. Their victims are frequently deeply devoted to them. The procureurs, taking advantage of this devotion, persuade the girls to go into the streets to earn money for them. A clever procureur may have five or six women earning money for him in different parts of the town.

Sometimes the procureur, dressed "like a foreign nobleman", with a display of jewelry, goes to a seaside resort in the south of England. He contrives to scrape acquaintance with some good-looking girl. He invites her to come with him to Boulogne, or to some other French port, on one of the many all-day trips. When aboard with her he contrives that she shall miss the returning steamer. As a rule the girl is without money. She is in a foreign land in the care of a ruffian. It is easy for the procureur to dispose of her as he thinks fit.

These are three methods much in favour among procureurs in this country. It is extremely difficult to obtain convictions against the criminals who employ them. All three methods are practised continually and successfully on Englishwomen. As a member of the police force said to me only a few days ago, "They may hold a dozen conferences, but they'd do more good if they hung a dozen ponces."

It is pitiful that the maximum punishment for this class of offence of procuring the swift, certain, bodily and spiritual ruin of a human being (often a girl of tender years) should be set at two years' hard labour.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
JOHN MASEFIELD.
30, Maida-hill west, W.,
April 24.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 28: The Princess Royal attended a luncheon at Hill Samuel and Co Limited, 100 Wood Street, London EC2 where Her Royal Highness accepted donations on behalf of Save the Children Fund, Injured Jockeys Fund, Riding for the Disabled Association and the Home Farm Trust.

Her Royal Highness, President, Royal Yachting Association, this afternoon attended the Annual General Meeting at the Inn on the Park, London SW1.

The Princess Royal, Chancellor of the University of London, this evening attended the University's Faculty of Medicine Dinner at Senate House, London WC1 and was received by the Vice-Chancellor of the University (the Lord Flowers.)

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 28: The Prince of Wales arrived at Aberdeen Station in the Royal Train this morning.

His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, The Gordon Highlanders, subsequently opened Gordon Barracks, Bridge of Don, Aberdeen.

The Prince of Wales afterwards inaugurated the Total Oil/Elf UK Alwyn North Field at a reception at Haddo House, Aberdeenshire.

His Royal Highness, Patron, the Abbeyfield Scoiety, later visited Viewlands, the Extra Care House of the Abbeyfield Perth Society, at Viewlands Road, Perth.

Major Christopher Lavender was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales this morning visited Fairfield School for physically and visually handicapped children, Trinity Avenue, Northampton.

Her Royal Highness subsequently opened the new extension to Saxby Brothers' Factory, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire.

The Princess of Wales, attended by Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Commander Richard Aylard, RN, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 28: The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, The Order of St John, this morning installed the Lord Grey of Naunton as Lord Prior, the Lord Vestey as Chancellor and the Lord Westbury as Bailiff of Egle of St John at the Grand Priory Church and was later present at a Reception at St John's Gate, Clerkenwell, London EC1.

Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

In the evening His Royal Highness and The Duchess of Gloucester were present at a Dinner given by the Thackeray Society at The Reform Club, Pall Mall, London SW1.

Sir Simon Bland and Mrs Howard Page were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 28: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, this evening attended the Concerto Final of BBC Television's "Young Musician of the Year 1988" at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester.

Her Royal Highenss, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Alan Henderson.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince and Princess of Wales, Royal Patrons of the Glasgow Garden Festival, formally open the five-month event at Prince's Dock, Glasgow, 11; the Prince, accompanied by the Princess, lays the foundation stone at the new cathedral halls and visitors' centre in Glasgow Cathedral, 2; as President of Scottish Business in the Community, the Prince visits Glasgow Opportunities Enterprise Trust at 7 West George Street, 2.45, and opens the Prince's Shopping Centre, Buchanan Street, 4.05.

The Princess Royal visits the Spring Centre Pre-School project at Claremont Road, Gloucester, 12.30.

The Duke of Gloucester, President of the Cancer Research Campaign, presents prizes at the "Overcoming Cancer" competition at 2 Carlton House Terrace, 11.10.

Princess Alexandra opens new offices of the World Wildlife Fund — UK at Weyside Park, Godalming, Surrey, 2.30.

The Emperor of Japan celebrates his eighty-seventh birthday today.

Anniversaries

Births: Sir James Brooke, Rajah of Sarawak, 1841-68, Benares, 1803; Georges Boulanger, general and statesman, Rennes, 1837; Sir Thomas Beecham, conductor, St Helens, Lancashire, 1879; Sir Malcolm Sargent, conductor, Ashford, Kent, 1895; Duke Ellington, Washington, 1899.

Deaths: John Cleveland, royalist poet, London, 1658; Constantine Cavafy, poet, Alexandria, Egypt, 1933.

THE THYSSEN MASTERPIECES

"Portrait of a Benedictine as Saint Benedict", by Jan Polack, dated 1484 (born c 1435 in Cracow, died 1519 in Munich): although a painter of the second rank, Polack — as his name would suggest, originally from Poland — is revealed in this detail from his painting as an extremely able one. He became official painter to Munich, four years after painting the portrait, which measures 57cm by 41cm. The black-habited monk holds an open book, presumably the Rule of St Benedict, and a glass containing a serpent, an allusion to the attempt made by the monks of Vicovaro to poison the saint. The painting is on show at the Thyssen-Bornemizca Collection of Old Masters at the Royal Academy until June 12.

Memorial services

Mr Alwyn Brunow Waters

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Alwyn Brunow Waters was held at All Souls, Langham Place, yesterday. The Rev Richard Bewes officiated. Mr Robert Waters, son, and Mr Colin Jeffries, Master of the Masons' Company, read the lessons. Among those present were:

Miss Elizabeth Waters (daughter), Mrs Robert Waters (daughter-in-law), Miss Joanna Waters and Miss Katherine Waters (granddaughters), Mr and Mrs Ralph Page, Miss Vanessa Page, Mr and Mrs W J Coucill.

Mr J F Phillips, QC, Mr J H Emlyn Jones, Mr P H P Bennett, Mr Hugh Clamp (representing RIBA), Mr Michael Harris (National Association of Boys' Clubs), Mr L A Jeacocke (Bomb Disposal branch, Royal Engineers' Association), Mr C C Harvey, Mr J Corkill, Mr W Duck, Mr Alan Sharp, Mr and Mrs J A Bovey, Mr Christopher Bovey, Mr C E Woodward, Mr S A Halsey, Mr R A Wisby, Mr Frederick Wilson, Miss Gwen Dando, Mr R H Williams, Mr Arthur Down, Mrs N Pattenden, Miss Claudine Murphy, Miss Tricia Marx, Mrs J Tobias, Mr J Sims, Mr Leslie Alexander, Mr Rodney Tatchell, Mrs C Jeffries, Mr F E Gostling, Miss E Galloway, Mr Frank Lloyd, Mr John Pickrell, Mr E H Turner, Mr Robert Johnston, Mr J Greenacre, Mr T Every, Mr K R K Harding, Captain W A Feather, Mr S F Phipp, Mr D A Slatter, Mr Gordon Tait, Mr Stuart Holgate, Mr David Breslin, Mr P J Povey, Mr and Mrs Alan Jones, Mrs S Manning and Miss Louisa Hoff.

Colonel Rodney Hews

A memorial service for Colonel Rodney Hews was held in Canterbury Cathedral yesterday. Canon Peter Brett officiated and the Rev Dr D.I. Hill, Custos Thesaurri, led the prayers. The Very Rev Ian White-Thompson, Dean Emeritus, read the lesson and Mr Nigel Taylor gave an address. The Rev Howard Such, Precentor, was robed and in the sanctuary.

Birthdays today

Mr Frank Auerbach, painter, 57; Mr Jonah Barrington, squash player, 47; Mrs Lynda Chalker, MP, 46; Miss Brenda Dean, trades unionist, 45; Lieutenant-General Sir Peter de la Billiere, 54; Sir Patrick Hamill, former chief constable, Strathclyde, 58; Miss Zizi Jeanmaire, dancer, 64; Sir Anthony Laughton, oceanographer, 61; Sir John Llewellyn, former director-general, British Council, 73; Mr Rod McKuen, poet and composer, 55; Mr Zubin Mehta, conductor, 52; Sir Fraser Noble, former vice-chancellor, Aberdeen University, 70; the Hon Jacob Rothschild, chairman, J. Rothschild Holdings, 52; Mr Rudolf Schwarz, conductor, 83; Mr Jeremy Thorpe, former leader, Liberal Party, 59; Mr David Tindle, painter, 56; Professor Heinz Wolff, bioengineer, 60; Mr Fred Zinneman, film director, 81.

Middle Temple

The Masters of the Bench of the Middle Temple have announced the election of the Princess of Wales to the Bench of the Middle Temple.

Vanbrugh College

Vanbrugh College, University of York, is celebrating its twenty-first anniversary on the weekend of June 18 and 19, 1988. Any former member of the college who would like to join present members for that celebration should write for details to the College Secretary, Vanbrugh College, University of York, Heslington, York, YO1 5DD (Telephone: 0904-430000, ext 5731).

Royal patron for new charity

Two charities providing tape recordings for the blind, handicapped and those immobilized in hospital are to merge.

The British Library of Tape Recordings for Hospital Patients and the National Listening Library (Talking Books for the Handicapped) are to combine as the Talking Books Library. A celebration of the new charity is to be held at the Drapers' Hall on June 28 in the presence of the Duchess of Gloucester, who has agreed to be its patron.

Lord Prior of St John

Lord Grey of Naunton was installed yesterday as Lord Prior of the Order of St John by the Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior of the Order, in the Grand Priory Church, Clerkenwell, London.

The Order of St John, which has two charitable foundations, St John Ambulance and the St John Ophthalmic Hospital in Jerusalem, has also appointed Lord Vestey as Chancellor of the Order and Lord Westbury as Bailiff of Egle.

Latest wills

Major Legh Algernon **Clowes**, of Ashbourne, Derbyshire, Squire of Norbury, left estate valued at £1,841,003 net.

Mr Leonard **Filbry**, of Kingston Vale, London, left his entire estate of £176,598 net to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Miss Amy Eleanor Augusta **Dando**, of Thornton Heath, Surrey, left £140,253 net. After personal bequests totalling £200 she left the residue equally between the Baptist Union, the British and Foreign Bible Society, and the Baptist Missionary Society.

Mrs Ingeborg Paula Carol **Page**, of Sunningdale, Berkshire, left estate valued at £1,008,100 net.

Mr Denis **Newman**, of Up Hatherley, Gloucestershire, left estate valued at £1,532,856 net.

Mr Ray Thoburn **McGaw**, of Bramley, Surrey, left estate valued at £1,302,155 net.

Mr Harry **England**, of Southsea, Hampshire, left £806,494 net. He died intestate.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Blackman, Miss Marjorie Ada, of Bromley £501,234
Brooks, Mr Lionel Highett, of Southsea, Hampshire. £583,220
Cochran, Miss Esmee Gwendoline, of Beaconsfield £572,943
Jarrold, Mr Thomas Glyndwr, of Trelewis, Mid Glamorgan £701,055
Tangye, Mrs Constance, of Worcester £619,739
Terrell, Mrs Agnes Murray, of Cadogan Square, London £968,945

Luncheons

The Alexander Consulting Group

Mr Michael Portillo, MP, Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Health and Social Security, was the guest of honour at the 1987 Pensions Journalist of the Year Awards luncheon held yesterday at the House of Commons, where he presented Miss Joanna Slaughter, of *The Observer*, and Miss Ceri Jones, of *Financial Adviser*, with the main awards. Mr R. Allan Durward presided and guests included Mr A Fell, Mr I Foster, Mr D Horton, G Howarth, MP, Mr I Jenkins, Mr J Mackenzie, Miss J Porter, Mr M Porter, Mr C Thomas, Mr J Walker, Mr R Williams, Mr J Woolridge and Mr D Worthy.

Reuters

Reuters Holdings plc's annual luncheon took place yesterday at Guildhall. The hosts were the chairman, Sir Christopher Hogg, and the directors, Mr Alan Burnet (alternate director), Mr James Evans, Mr Nigel Judah, Mr Andrew Knight, Mr Robert Maxwell, Mr Michael Nelson, Mr Ian Park, Mr Glen Renfrew, Mr David Snedden, the Hon Sir Richard Storey, Mr Lyle Turnbull, Mr David Ure (alternate director) and Mr André Villeneuve (alternate director). The guest speaker was Mr Yusuke Kashiwagi, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Bank of Tokyo. The guests included:

Reuter trustees, Mr Kingman Brewster, Mr David Cole, Mr Christopher Dicks, the Hon Alan Hare, Lord Hartwell, Sir Gordon Linacre, Mr Kenneth Morgan, Lord McGregor of Durris, Mr Ray Smith and Mr Richard Winfrey.

Mr Eiji Akiyama, Dr Peter Andriefski, Mr M Aoki, Mr Robin Baldwin, Mr Roger Beardsley, Mr Myron Belkind, Viscount Blakenham, Lord Boardman, Mr J R S Boas, Mr Anthony Booth, Mr Michael Braham, Mr David Britton, Mr Michael Brown, Mr Joerg Burkart, Mr Kevin Cain, Lord Camoys, Professor Bryan Carsberg, Mr Lee Casey, Mr John Cavill, Mr Michael Chataway, Mr Michael Childs, Mr David Clarke, Mr Stanley Clarke, Dr P J Clements, Mr John Coomber, Mr Charles Curmi, Mr Andrew Davidson, Mr R V De Creuster, Mr Alain de Truchis, Lord Donoughue, Mr Werner Dressel, Mr Hosny Emam, Mr Paul Fox, Mr Mark Fox-Andrews, Mr Harry France, Mr Akira Fujitaka, Mr W M Gabitass, Mr Alfred Geiringer, Mr Peter Gibbings, Mr Graeme Gilchrist, Mr Ralph Gowling, Mr Francois Grangé, Mr Douglass Gunn, Mr George Hayter, Mr Michael Horton, Mr F William Hulton, Mr T Ishihara, Mr Teruhiko Ito.

Sir Martin Jacomb, Mr Graeme Jenkins, Mr Michael Jenkins, of Susumu Kaitla, Mr Theodore Karzis, Mr J C L Keswick, Mr Reg Key, Mr Nobuyuki Komatsu, Mr Michael P Lee, Mr John Leese, Mr John LePage, Mr Yuri Levchenko, Mr Colin Lester, Mr Gerald Lubenow, Mr Dean Lundell, Mr Chris Mallon, Mr Kanji Matsumura, Mr David Mayhew, Mr David Mitchem, Mr David Montgomery, Mr Gerald Mordaunt, Sir Douglas Morpeth, Mr Nicholas Morell, Mr George McKendrick, Mr Lyle M Nelson, Mr David Nicholas, Sir John Nott, Canon John Oates, Mr Seiji Okada, Mr J C Orr, Sir Michael Palliser, Mr Rupert Pennant-Rea, Mr Peter Preston, Mr John Quinton, Professor Donald Read, the Hon Sir Nicholas Redmayne, Lord Remnant, Mr A F Retief.

Dr Hugh Richards, Mr John Robins, Mr F Robinson, Lord Rockley, Mr Nicholas Ryan, Mr John Sanders, Sir David Scholey, Mr K Seiki, Mr Yuji Shirakawa, Mr Michael Siemion, Mr Ron Simmons, Mr Michael Songhurst, Mr Ian S Steers, Mr Guenter Z Steffens, Mr K Takai, Mr Saxon Tate, Mr Peter Thomas, Mr Donald Trelford, Mr John Trueman, Mr John Tusa, Mr Carl van der Spek, Mr Michael Waissman, Mr Colin Webb, Mr Menahem Weber, Mr Felix Westermann, Mr A L W White, Mr Derek Whiting, Mr Keith Whitson, Mr Brian Williamson, Mrs Frieda Williamson Morris, Mr Charles Wilson, Mr Robert Wilson, Mr Ian Yates, Mr N Yokobori, Mr Yu Gu and senior members of the staff of Reuters and its subsidiaries.

Canada/UK Chamber of Commerce

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Mr Sheriff Richard Saunders, was the guest of honour and principal speaker at a luncheon held yesterday at Vintners' Hall. Mr R.W.S. Baker presided. The Canadian High Commissioner was among those present.

Royal Society of Medicine

Sir Gordon Robson, President of the Royal Society of Medicine, gave a luncheon yesterday at the Society's House for members of the court of benefactors. Among those present were:

Sir William Shapland, Dr John Horder, Professor Rosalinde Hurley, Mr Edwin Stevens, Professor Merton Sandler and Mr R N Thomson.

Institute of Indian Culture

Mr Maneck Dalal, Chairman of the Institute of Indian Culture, and Mr Mathoor Krishnamurti, director, received Mr John Patten, MP, at a luncheon held yesterday at Castletown Road, W14.

Dinners

Thackeray Society

The Duke of Gloucester, accompanied by the Duchess of Gloucester, was the guest speaker at a dinner given by the Thackeray Society at the Reform Club last night. Mr R.C.M.B. Burlingham, chairman, presided and Mr Paul Webb also spoke.

Lincoln's Inn

The speaker attended the Grand Day dinner in hall given by the Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn, Sir Edward Eveleigh, and the Masters of the Bench last night. Among others present were:

The Ambassador of West Germany, Lord Goodman, CH, Baroness Young, Lord Weinstock, Lord Griffiths, Lady Eveleigh, Lord Justice O'Connor, Mr Justice Popplewell, Sir David Rowe-Ham, Sir James Stubbs, Sir Robert Reid, Sir Gordon Slynn (treasurer, Gray's Inn), Mr Mark Littman (treasurer, Middle Temple), the President of the Law Society, Mr Desmond Fennell, QC, Mr Colin Cowdrey, Mr Donald Sinden, Mr P F Orchard, Mr Alderman Christopher Collett, Professor J K B M Nicholas, Mr Elliott Bernerd, Mr F Brandt, Mr P N Miller, and Captain P M Carver, RN.

Lord Auckland

Lord Auckland entertained the Pattenmakers' Company at dinner at the House of Lords last night. Judge Verney, Master, presided. Mr Ian Scarr Hall and Mr Alan Lettin also spoke.

Scriveners' Company

The Lord Chancellor was a speaker at a dinner given yesterday by the Scriveners' Company at Apothecaries' Hall. Mr R.G. Swan, Master, presided, assisted by Mr Michael Maclagan, Upper Warden, and Mr C.J. Malim, Renter Warden. Among those present were:

Sir Ralph Perring, the Chairman of the Bar and the masters of the Apothecaries' Society and the Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers.

Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

The Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales held a dinner at Guildhall last night. Sir John Grenside, Master, presided, assisted by the Hon G.H. Wilson, Senior Warden, and Mr D.B. Shaw, Junior Warden. Mr Mark Grenside, Mr Graham Dowson and the Senior Warden also spoke. Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Remembrancer of the City of London, Sir Kenneth Cork and the masters of the City of London Solicitors' and Actuaries' Companies were among those present.

Association of British Factors

Sir John Hedley Greenborough was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Association of British Factors held last night at Drapers' Hall. Mr T.G. Hutson, chairman, and members of council were the hosts.

Constructors' Company

Dr Kenneth J. Brown, Master of the Constructors' Company, presided at the Master's dinner held last night at Farmers' and Fletchers' Hall. Other speakers were the Senior Warden, Mr Jack E. Neary and Sir Richard Meyjes.

Hallé Concerts Society

Mr Rex Hillson, Hallé Chairman, 1977-1988, and a director of the Hallé Concerts Society since 1946, and Mrs Hillson were the guests of honour at a dinner given by fellow directors at the Four Seasons Hotel, Manchester, last night. The chairman, Mr Sebastian de Ferranti, accompanied by Mrs de Ferranti, presided. Other guests included Mr Stanilaw Skrowaczewski, Mr and Mrs James Loughran and Mr and Mrs Michael Davis.

Service luncheon

Fifth Indian Division

Lieutenant-Colonel A.P. Harrington presided at a luncheon given by the Fifth Indian Division held at the Oriental Club last night.

Service dinners

London Rifle Brigade Rangers

Lieutenant-Colonel Kyrle Simond presided at the annual dinner of the London Rifle Brigade Officers' Club held at the Army and Navy Club last night. Lieutenant-Colonel Neil Johnson, Commanding Officer 4th Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, was the chief guest.

Central Tactics and Trials Organization

Air Commodore J.E. Houghton presided at a dinner held last night at RAF High Wycombe to mark the twentieth anniversary of the Central Tactics and Trials Organization. Air Chief Marshal Sir David Evans and Mr P.A. Hearne were among the guests.

Land Steiermark

Lord Caccia presided at the fortieth annual dinner of the former officers of the Military Government, Land Steiermark, Austria, held last night at HM Tower of London. The Austrian Ambassador and Frau Magrutsch and the Director of the Austrian Institute in London and Frau Zundritsch were the principal guests.

Concert

Latin America and Caribbean Cultural Society

The Brazilian Ambassador, Senhor Celso de Souza e Silva, and Mr J.R. Monroy, Director of the Latin America and Caribbean Society, attended a concert held yesterday at St John's Smith Square, given by Senhor Marlos Nobre, conducting the Orchestra of St John's Smith Square with the soprano Miss Marina Tafur, sponsored by Lloyds Bank and Air France. Among those present were:

Sir Jeremy Morse (chairman, Lloyds Bank), and Lady Morse with Mr B Pitman (chief executive), and Mrs Pitman, Mr B Morel (general manager, Air France), and Mrs Morel, the High Commissioner for Mauritius and Mrs Soobiah, the Ambassador of Honduras and Mrs de Velasquez-Diaz, the Ambassador of Mexico and Mrs de Navarrete, the High Commissioner for Malawi and Mrs Mlawali, the Ambassador of Uruguay and Mrs de Assumpcao de Solé-Romeo, the Ambassador of Venezuela and Mrs Ramos de Kerdel, the High Commissioner for Antigua and Barbuda, the Ambassador of Ecuador and Mrs Ponce de Perez.

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The rate of interest on investment shares and deposits will be reduced by 0.50% p.a. except as set out below.

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Some classes of investor will receive separate notices which will then replace this notice.

The new rates will apply on and after 1st May 1988.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.W. Johnstone and Miss Z.E. Pratt

The engagement is announced between John Weir Johnstone, The Old Rectory, Lidgate, Newmarket, son of the late Mr Andrew Johnstone and of Mrs Andrew Johnstone, Bonshaw Mains, Kirtlebridge, Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire, and Zara Elizabeth, daughter of Lord and Lady Roderic Pratt, Saxonbury House, Frant, Tunbridge Wells.

Mr C. Ll. Fox and Miss C.A. Methuen

The engagement is announced between Charles, second son of Mr and Mrs Philip Fox, of Glendurgan, Falmouth, Cornwall, and Caroline, daughter of the late Hon Laurence and Lady Maureen Methuen, of Sutton Benger, Chippenham, Wiltshire.

Captain J.A. Athill and Miss M. Amuzegar

The engagement is announced between James Andrew Athill, The Royal Green Jackets, second son of Major and Mrs A.H. Athill, of Morston, Norfolk, and Mojan, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Amuzegar, of Richmond, Surrey.

Mr C. Dennison and Miss B.C. Hull Lewis

The engagement is announced between Clive, only son of Mr and Mrs E. Dennison, of Hexham, Northumberland, and Brigid, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.T. Hull Lewis, of Haslemere, Surrey.

Mr A.N. Dickinson and Miss C.J. Taylor

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, youngest son of Mr and Mrs John Dickinson, of Blosses, Gosbeck, Ipswich, and Catherine, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs Peter Taylor, of The Chipping Croft, Tetbury, Gloucestershire.

Mr J.M. Fletcher and Miss P. Ware

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Fletcher, of Ferring, Sussex, and Philippa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Ware, of Lindale in Cartmell, Cumbria.

Mr T.G.H. Foster and Mrs C.M. Ferguson

The engagement is announced between Thomas Foster, of Chiswick, W4, and Carolyn Ferguson, of Teddington, Middlesex.

Mr M.J. Hardy and Miss C.N. Boyce

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs J.B. Hardy, of Summer Bank, Willington, Cheshire, and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.S. Boyce, of Fulwood Park, Liverpool.

Mr J.H. Innes and Miss D.J. Buxton

The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Innes, of Hensill House, Hawkhurst, and Deborah, only daughter of the Rev William and Mrs Buxton, of Kingston Buci Rectory, Shoreham-by-Sea.

Mr L.R. Llewelyn-Bowen and Miss J.K.Y. Wright

The engagement is announced between Laurence, elder son of the late Trefor Llewellyn Bowen, FRCS, and of Mrs Patricia Bowen, of Streatham, London, and Jacqueline, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Kenneth Wright, of Blackheath, London.

Captain R.M. Lyman and Miss H.K. Beale

The engagement is announced between Robert Lyman, RAEC, son of the Rev Dr G.F. and Mrs Lyman, of Melbourne, Australia, and Hannah Katharine, daughter of Dr and Mrs J.D. Beale, of Ramsgate, Kent.

Mr R.H. McClean and Miss E.J.L Weisblatt

The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Lieutenant-Colonel J.L. McClean (retd) and Mrs McClean, of Ford, Shropshire, and Emma, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W.C. Weisblatt, of Hampton-on-Thames, Middlesex.

Mr F.R. Macleod and Miss S.M. Scaramanga

The engagement is announced between Francis, youngest son of Major Loudoun Macleod, and the late Mrs Loudoun Macleod, and Susan, daughter of the late Mr Theodore Scaramanga and of Mrs Theodore Scaramanga.

Mr G.J. McQuater and Miss P.J. Eggleton

The engagement is announced between Gavin, only son of Mr and Mrs A.B. McQuater, of Maybole, Ayrshire, and Penelope, second daughter of Mr and Mrs R.G. Eggleton, of Skellingthorpe, Lincolnshire.

Mr B. Mortensen and Miss F.L. Bliss

The engagement is announced between Bent, elder son of Mr and Mrs A.H. Mortensen, of Ulslev, Denmark, and Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Eric S. Bliss, of Moorthwaite, Wigton, Cumbria.

Mr C.J. Thompson and Miss M.D. Carrington

The engagement is announced between Christopher James, son of Lieutenant-General James Mason Thompson, of Santa Barbara, California, and Mrs Hazel Thompson, of Managua, Nicaragua, and Margaret Dorothy, youngest daughter of the late Mr David Carrington and of Mrs Katherine Carrington, of Nun Monkton, North Yorkshire.

Mr D.J. Weston and Miss K.E. Dickinson

The betrothal is announced between Daniel, son of Dr and Mrs J.A.B. Weston, of Pyrford, and Katherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs K.A. Dickinson, of Byfleet, Surrey.

Marriages

Mr C.H. Bunbury and Mrs A.M.B. Greenwell

A service of blessing took place yesterday in The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy after the marriage of Mr Christopher Bunbury, youngest son of the late Sir William Bunbury and of Pamela Lady Bunbury, of Aldeburgh, Suffolk, to Mrs Amanda Greenwell, elder daughter of Mr H.E.R. Stewart, of Paultons Square, SW3, and the late Mrs Stewart.

Mr D.C. Rogers and Miss R.L. Jepson Turner

The marriage took place on Saturday, April 23, at St Andrew's Church, Nether Wallop, of Mr Charles Rogers, youngest son of the late Major David Rogers and of Mrs Rogers, to Miss Louise Jepson Turner, only daughter of Major and Mrs William Jepson Turner. Canon Guy Chapman and the Rev Philip Pennant officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Alice Foster, Camilla Gormley, Clementine Jepson Turner, Francesca Rabl, Benjamin Baggerman, Linley Lewis and Thomas Parry. Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Rogers, The Blues and Royals, was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent in Mauritius.

OBITUARY

MR HARVEY SCHWARZ

Wartime navigational aid and yachtsman's friend

Harvey Fisher Schwarz, who died on April 23 aged 82, was the joint originator with the late William J. O'Brien of the Decca radio-navigation system for ships and aircraft which played a key part in the seaborne invasion of Normandy in 1944.

It was largely through his drive, coupled with a conviction of the technical merits of O'Brien's invention, that the system came to the attention of the British Admiralty in time.

The production, by a small Decca team, of the equipment ordered only about 10 weeks before that operation, owed much to Schwarz's ingrained antipathy to the words "it can't be done."

The subsequent postwar growth of "Decca," as it became known to mariners and airmen, and, later, a generation of amateur yachtsmen, was due to Schwarz's dynamism as managing director of the Decca Navigator Company (now part of Racal Electronics) from 1950 until his retirement in 1970.

Harvey Fisher Schwarz was born in Edwardsville, Illinois, in 1905. After graduating in electrical engineering from Washington University, St Louis, he joined the General Electric Company in Schenectady, New York, where he helped to develop "Radiola 44", the first domestic radio receiver to use the newly invented screened-grid valve.

He soon became chief engineer of Brunswick Radio Corporation where he first met O'Brien.

Sent to England, in 1932, to design radios and radiograms for manufacture here when Decca purchased Warner Brunswick, he was persuaded to stay on as Decca's chief engineer and thus came to make his home in Britain, although remaining a US citizen.

After the war had begun, O'Brien wrote to Schwarz setting out some ideas for a system of radio-navigation that he felt might help the Allies. There followed a hectic period, during which Schwarz was alternatively helping O'Brien to develop and prove the system in their experimental laboratory in California and endeavouring to lobby the Service authorities in Britain.

He once arrived back to find the Decca factory bombed. But his efforts were rewarded by Admiralty interest.

After the war, when the system became commercially available as the Decca Navigator, Schwarz's attention focussed increasingly upon the fact that it had certain properties, such as what is now called area navigation, meaning that aircraft using it are free to fly in any direction regardless of the position of the ground beacons, which are particularly desirable in a radio aid to navigation and traffic-patrol for civil aviation.

Although the basic Decca Navigation system has come to be used by many more surface ships than aircraft, Schwarz's concern with the requirements of air navigation stimulated Decca engineers to develop a range of airborne navigational computers and displays.

After the war Schwarz's interest in sound reproduction contributed to the introduction of the company's first long-playing records. In 1956 he and O'Brien, received the gold medal of the (now Royal) Institute of Navigation for their work. In 1971, Schwarz was made an honorary CBE.

He leaves a widow, herself a member of the team that built the Decca equipment for D-Day, and a son and a daughter.

CLIFFORD D. SIMAK

Clifford D. Simak, the American science fiction writer, died in Minneapolis, on April 25, at the age of 83.

Simak, whose work was translated into a dozen languages, will be principally remembered for the story sequence *The City* (1952) on which his reputation rests. A chronicle in which dogs and robots take over a world which has been abandoned by men, it preaches Simak's characteristic message, that urban humanity is not best fitted to carry the torch of civilization.

Much of Simak's work is informed by a pastoral nostalgia which his rural upbringing had implanted in him.

Clifford Donald Simak was born of a Czech immigrant father, and a New England mother on August 3, 1904, in Milville, Wisconsin.

He grew up on his father's farm, fishing in the nearby creek and roaming the woods with his gun. He went to the University of Wisconsin, but was caught by the Depression, was unable to finish his course, and took a newspaper job in Michigan on the Iron River *Reporter*.

Later he moved to the Minneapolis *Star*, with which he maintained a connection for the rest of his working life, writing a weekly science column for the paper.

While there, Simak developed a science programme for schools, called the Science Reading Series, which won an award from the Westinghouse-American Association for the Advancement of Science.

H. G. Wells and Jules Verne were early influences, and Simak started to publish science fiction stories in 1931. All his output was science fiction, with the exception of two science books for teenagers — *Our New Front Yard*, a desciption of the Solar System, and *Trilobite, Dinosaur and Man*, a popular account of historical geology.

The City (1952) had first appeared as a series in the magazine *Astounding Stories* in the 1940s, and is now regarded as a science fiction classic. Simak's literate, but fast-moving style made it readable as well as metaphysical, and it was a best-seller.

Other books, such as *Ring Around the Sun*, and *A Choice of Gods*, echo Simak's perennial themes, his moral sense, his dislike of urban life and his upholding the rights of the individual — even individual robots. Simak described his task as a sci-fi writer as being that of placing human beings "in perspective against the vastness of universal time and space".

On a more mundane level he confessed to defeat in the matter of trying to grow roses in the villainous Minnesota climate.

SIR HUGH RANKIN, Bt

Sir Hugh Rankin, third baronet, leading sheep-breeder in Perthshire and an eccentric to hold his place with any in the annals of eccentricity died on April 25, at the age of 88.

Among the political aspirations dear to his heart was "an independent Red Republic for all Scotland", but Welsh Nationalism was equally dear to his heart.

Rankin, for a time judge at sheep shows, went to Western Australia when in his thirties to work for two years as a piece-work shearer.

He confessed in *Who's Who* (from the sober pages of which his entry shines forth as a *tour de force* of dottiness) that he held extreme views politically; he became a member of the Labour Party in 1939 but by the end of the Second World War he had joined the Scottish Communist Party, remaining till 1980.

He had also been a member of the Scottish Nationalist Party, favouring Dominion Home Rule for Scotland. His advocacy of a Red Republic of Scotland expressly excluded, however, the Orkneys and Shetlands - a prudent acknowledgement, no doubt, of the independent spirit and Viking origins of the populations of those isles.

When describing his interest in archaeology, Rankin claimed that he and his wife were the "the only persons who have crawled under dwarf fir forest for the last half mile of the most northerly known section of any Roman road in Europe."

Indeed, in *Who's Who*, records and distinctions of one sort or another feature largely among his claims on the attention of posterity. Thus, we see him as only the second Britisher to attend the Holy Buddhist Pilgrimage, in 1944; as having been the only amateur to have played on 382 separate golf courses in the British Isles; as the Broadsword Champion of the British Army (Cavalry) for 1921; and as *News of the World* Knight of the Road (for courtesy in motor driving).

Rankin's religious sympathies had been as diverse as his political views, he was an active Muslim in Europe in the 1930s and was a former Vice-President of the Western Islamic Association. But his adherence to Islam did not last, and since 1944 he had been a practising non-Theistic Therava Buddhist.

Among his recreations he listed — besides the usual huntin' shootin' and fishin', fitting in one of his station — "cycling on mountain tracks to the tops of British mountains" and he was, appropriately, a former president of the Rough Stuff Cycling Association.

His first wife, Helen Margaret, eldest daughter of Sir Charles Stewart, KBE, and widow of Captain Colin Campbell, died in 1945. He married, in 1946, Robina Kelly, who survives him.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

The Ven. Eric Evans MA will be installed as Dean of St Paul's at a Service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m. on Thursday, 12 May.

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But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed and go into thy house. *St Luke 5: 24*

BIRTHS

CAVENDISH - On April 26th, in Calgary, to Margaret (née MacDonald) and Billy, a daughter, Monica Josephine Patricia.

COX - On April 27th, 1988, at St Mary's Maternity Hospital, Portsmouth, to Penelope and Robin, a son, Charles Robert Nolan.

D'ARCY CLARK - On April 26th at the Westminster Hospital, to Constance (née Viruly) and Brian, a daughter, Alexandra Charlotte.

GODWIN - On April 26th to Philippa (née Inge) and Keith, a daughter, Jessica Mary Gifford, a sister for James.

JOHNSTON - On April 24th, to Sandy (née Tozias) and David, a daughter, Rachel Charlotte Harumi.

KNIGHT - On April 27th, at St. Richards Hospital, Chichester, to Charlotte and Simon, a son.

LAING - On April 26th in Edinburgh to Charlotte and Timothy, a daughter Louise Charlotte, a sister for Rose and David.

MADDEN - On April 25th to Charles and Delia a son Thomas, brother for James and Edward.

McLAURIN - On April 17th, to Jacqueline (née Chalchat) and Neil, a son, Alec Iain Forbes.

MILTON-BUDDERY - On April 26th, to Katie and Royston, at St. John's Hospital, Chelmsford, a daughter, Georgia Hannah.

MORGAN - On April 26th, to Sarah and Christopher, a son, Charles John Barry, a brother for Benjamin and Arabella, and a half-brother for Camilla, Louise and Emma.

PIA - On April 24th 1988 at The Simpson Memorial Maternity Pavilion, Edinburgh, to Anne (née Argenti) and Paul, a daughter, Sophie-Louise, a sister for Camilla and Roberta.

THOMSON - On April 23rd, in Denver, Colorado, to Rose and Geordie, a daughter.

WILSON - On April 20th, to Carolyn (née Schilperoort) and Piers, a daughter, Eleanor Dora, a sister for Alastair.

WOODHAMS - On April 28th at Elderlea Hospital, Upper Hutt, New Zealand, to Oenone and Michael, a son, Angus Henry, a brother to Jay and Adrian.

DEATHS

BATT - On April 27th, Elisabeth beloved wife of William. Funeral service at 2.30 Wednesday May 4th at Cromer Parish Church followed by private burial at Gresham Church. Flowers or, if desired, donations to Save The Children Fund c/o Cromer Funeral Services, 32 West Street, Cromer NR27 9HZ.

CLIPSHAM - On April 21st, peacefully in her sleep, Doris Mary, aged 87, widow of Robert Ernest Clipsham, formerly of Elmwood, Welwyn Garden City. Funeral service at United Reformed Church, Church Road, Welwyn Garden City, on Friday 6th May at 2.00pm, followed by cremation at West Herts Crematorium, Garston. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Save The Children Fund, 5 Russellcroft Road, Welwyn Garden City.

CRANE - On April 26th, suddenly at home, Charles Patrick Richard (Pat), beloved husband of Mary. Dearest Padre of Virginia, Diana, Caroline. Loving and much loved grandfather of Mark, Zoe, Paul and Emma. Dear father-in-law of Chris and Morris. Dear friend of Chris Reynolds. For funeral enquiries please phone Phillips Funeral Service, St Albans 0727 51005

DEWHURST - On April 27th 1988, suddenly but peacefully at Dungarthill, Irene Margareta, beloved wife of Hugh, mother of Jeremy, Susan and Fiona. Much loved grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service at St John's Kirk of Perth on Tuesday May 3rd at 2pm, thereafter burial private. Flowers to James Williamson, Funeral Directors, Main Street, Bridgend, Perth or donations to Cancer Research.

EAST - On April 28th, Geoffrey, dearly loved husband of Coralie. Funeral private at Downton. Memorial service to be announced later.

FEARN - On April 27th, at Hall Farm, Gressenhall, Norfolk, Helen Forbes, widow of Commander A. Fearn, O.B.E., R.N. Funeral service at Gressenhall Church on Tuesday May 3rd at 2.45 pm, to be followed by cremation.

FOX-PITT - On April 26th, peacefully, Major General William Augustus Fitzgerald Lane, C.V.O., D.S.O., M.C., D.L., aged 92. Funeral at Sherborne Abbey, Tuesday May 3rd at 4.30 pm. Flowers or donations for King Edward VII Hospital should be sent to Eason Funeral Services, Newell, Sherborne.

GAME - On April 27th, at Esher, Lilian, wife of the late Dudley, mother of Margaret and Helen, beloved granny and great granny. Funeral at St Paul's Church, Brackley Road, Beckenham on Thursday May 5th at 2.15pm. Donations if desired to The Shaftesbury Society, 2A Amity Grove, SW20 0LH.

GARRATT - On April 24th 1988, Donald Clarence Garratt, OBE, PhD, DSc, Hon MPS, CChem, FRSC, MChemA; dear husband of Irene, father of Roger and Philip and grandfather of Claudia, Daniel and Richard. Funeral will take place privately.

GOLLOP - On April 25th, peacefully at home aged 79, Leslie John. Much loved father, grandfather and friend. Cremation at 11.30 am on Thursday May 5th at Randall's Park, Leatherhead, Surrey. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Age Concern, Mitcham, Surrey.

GOOCH - On April 26th, peacefully after a very short illness, Gwendolen, aged 90 years. Last surviving child of Septimus Brutton of Portsmouth, most beloved wife of the late Reverend H.W. Gooch, much loved mother of Richard and Muriel, and a very proud grandmother. Family funeral with close friends. Thanksgiving Service at St George's, Fordington, Dorchester on Wednesday May 4th at 3pm. Donations to The Mothers' Union, for inner city projects or cut flowers if preferred to Woods Dorchester Limited, 11A Icen Way, Dorchester.

GOSSCHALK - On April 24th, suddenly in Geneva Hospital, 3 months after an operation, Hugh, beloved husband of Ingamaj and father of Monica. Cremation at St George's Chapel, Geneva, May 3rd.

HOPKINSON - On April 26th, suddenly but peacefully aged 69, Mary, devoted mother of Lorna and Charles, widow of Desmond (Hoppy). Cremation at Beckenham Crematorium 2.00 pm family and close friends. Thanksgiving service 3.30 pm Friday May 6th at All Saints Church, Blackheath. Flowers to Francis Chappell & Sons, 4 Lee High Road, Lewisham, SE13 or donations to The Greater London Fund For The Blind.

HUGHES - On April 26th 1988, Rev. H. Trevor Hughes of Hethersett, Norfolk. Funeral private. Thanksgiving service to be arranged.

JACQUES - On April 26th 1988, peacefully in Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, William Ernest, aged 77. Dearest husband of Joyce and loving father and grandfather. Memorial Service to be held at Hindringham Church, Norfolk, at 2.00 p.m. on Friday May 6th. Family flowers only please.

LEVY - On April 28th, peacefully at home, Kathleen Alice, (née Seligman) in her 88th year, widow of Dr Walter Castle and Henry Levy, beloved mother of Peter, Rosalie, Richard and Helen, grandmother and great grandmother. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane on Sunday May 1st at 10.00am. Please no flowers.

LEVY - On April 25th 1988, Charles (Colonel CA Levy, R.A.M.C.) in his 88th year.

PICTON-WARLOW - On April 26th, peacefully in hospital, Richard E.C. of Fawsley Park near Daventry, husband of Jane, father of Patrick, Vivien and Alistair. Cremation private. A service of thanksgiving for the life of Richard will be held at Fawsley Church on Tuesday May 3rd at 11.30am. Donations in aid of Fawsley Church or the Injured Jockeys Club may be sent to John Ward and Son, Funeral Directors, Bugbrooke, Northampton 0604 830439.

RANKIN - On April 26th, 1988, peacefully at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, Sir Hugh Rankin Bt., aged 88 years, dear husband of Robina. Private cremation in Dundee.

SCHWARZ - On April 23rd, Harvey Fisher CBE Managing Director (retired) of the Decca Navigator Company Ltd, peacefully aged 82, at the Frinsbury Nursing Home, Stroud. Loving and beloved husband of Lenora. Much loved father of John Edward and Jean Karen and grandfather of Nicki, Sally and Jimmy. Service at St Pauls Catholic Church, Meopham, Kent, on Tuesday May 3rd at 2pm. Family flowers only in accordance with Harvey's wishes, expressions of sympathy may be made through contributions to the Restoration Fund of St Pauls Church, Meopham.

SHEPARD - On April 26th, at Whipps Cross Hospital London, Joan Birgit (née Arentsen). Funeral Service on Wednesday 4th May at Chingford Parish Church at 12.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The Medical Oncology Research Fund at St Bartholomews Hospital, London EC1.

STEAD - On April 23rd, Alison Chalmers, late of Kirkbymoorside, North Yorkshire, widow of the late Frederick Arnold Stead and dearly loved mother and grandmother.

SUNDE - On April 22nd, suddenly, Henry Luis, aged 58 years. Fondly remembered by friends and colleagues in Norway and England. Funeral service at East Sheen Cemetery, Kings Ride, Sheen Road, SW14 on Tuesday May 3rd at 10.30am.

VAN ZELLER - On April 28th, Dom Simon, monk of Downside, aged 77. Funeral at Downside Abbey, Wednesday May 4th at 2.30 pm. Rest in Peace.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ASTOR - A service of prayer and thanksgiving for the life of Pandora (Mrs Philip Lebon) will be held at The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London W1 at 3.30pm on Wednesday May 18th. Family and friends welcome.

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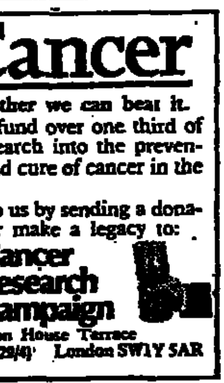

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Company number: 2043902. Name of company: Crest International Forwarding Limited. Nature of business: Forward Carriers. Address of registered office: Adam House, 14 New Burlington Street, London W1X 2BU. Liquidators name and address: Richard Jeremy Hyams Esq. FCA. Adam House, 14 New Burlington Street, London W1X 2BU. Office holder no.: 008733. Date of appointment: 21st April 1988. By whom appointed: Creditors.
Date: 21/4/88
R J Hyams - Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP MEETING OF CREDITORS
KAMRAN KNITWEAR LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 (2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at St James's Club, Charlotte Street, Manchester, at 10.30 am on Wednesday 4 May 1988, for the purpose of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Joint Administrative Receivers under Section 48 of the said Act and, if thought fit, appointing a committee. Creditors are only entitled to vote if they have delivered to the offices of Arthur Andersen & Co, Bank House, 9 Charlotte Street, Manchester, M1 4EU, no later than 12 noon on Tuesday 3 May 1988, written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the company, and their claims have been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11 (1) of the Insolvency Rules 1986, and there has been lodged with me any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
A J KATZ - D C WEBSTER
JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106 (1)
In the matter of Technical Overseas Services Limited
High Court No. 3314 of 1987
Notice is hereby given that I Mervyn Laurence Rose of Messrs. Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Chartered Accountants, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS was appointed Liquidator of the above Company on 27th January 1988.
MERVYN L. ROSE F.C.A., F.C.C.A.
LIQUIDATOR

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE
INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 6.124 (1)
In the matter of David Anthony Watson (In Bankruptcy)
In the High Court No. 001726 of 1987
Notice is hereby given that on 23rd February 1988, Melvyn Laurence Rose F.C.A., F.C.C.A., of Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS was duly appointed Trustee of the above-named Estate.
Dated this 14 day of April 1988
MELVYN LAURENCE ROSE. F.C.A., F.C.C.A.
TRUSTEE

IN THE MATTER OF CREST INTERNATIONAL FORWARDING LIMITED - IN CREDITORS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound-up, are required, on or before the 16th day of June 1988, to send in their full Christian and Surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any), to the undersigned, Richard Jeremy Hyams Esq. FCA Chartered Accountant of Laurence Gerrard & Co., Adam House, 14 New Burlington Street, London W1X 2BU the Liquidator of the said Company and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator of the said Company and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 21st day of April, 1988
R J Hyams - Liquidator

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES

	Company number
DIEMOULD SERVICE (HOLDINGS) LIMITED	548265
WOLSELEY MANUFACTURING LIMITED	228661

On 29 March 1988 the above named companies were placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Mr Stephen Robert Edward Hancock of Price Waterhouse, Livery House, 169 Edmund Street, Birmingham B3 2JB was appointed liquidator by the members.
The liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the above companies must send details, in writing, of any claim against the companies to the liquidator, at the above address by the 27th day of May 1988. The liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rule 4.182A (6) that on 10 June 1988 he intends to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 27 May 1988, and that there will be no further distribution to creditors. THIS IS A FORMAL NOTICE ONLY. THE COMPANIES HAVE PAID ALL KNOWN CREDITORS IN FULL.
Dated this 27th day of April 1988
SRE Hancock -
Chartered Accountant, Liquidator

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES

	Company number
RADIATION ASCOT LIMITED	31758
ALFRED HERBERT (EDGBASTON) LIMITED	61504

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Dated this 27th day of April 1988
SRE Hancock -
Chartered Accountant, Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS
Trade Sealed Units Limited
(In Receivership)
Company Number : 1718790
We, Neil Hunter Cooper and James Kenneth Rees Jones of 186 City Road, London, EC1V 2NU pursuant to Section 46 of the Insolvency Act 1986, hereby give notice that on 6th April 1988 we were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of the whole of the property of the Company by Midland Bank plc under the powers contained in a debenture dated 28th July 1987.
N H Cooper -
Joint Administrative Receiver
Dated this 6th day of April 1988

REACH VALUE LIMITED T/A MADHOUSE DISCOUNT CENTRE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of LEONARD CURTIS & CO., situated at 30 EASTBOURNE TERRACE (SECOND FLOOR) LONDON W2 6LF, on Tuesday the 10th day of May, 1988 at 12 o'clock for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.
Keith D. Goodman Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Leonard Curtis & Co., whose address is above, will provide the creditors free of charge with such information as to the Company's affairs as the creditors may reasonably require until the 9th May 1988.
Dated the 22nd day of April 1988
J.P. GIBSON - DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICES

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING CONTRACTS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a MEETING of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of LEONARD CURTIS & CO., situated at 30 EASTBOURNE TERRACE (SECOND FLOOR) LONDON W2 6LF, on Friday the 6th day of May 1988 at 12.00 o'clock midday for the purposes provided for in Sections 98 et seq.

KEITH DAVID GOODMAN, FCA Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Leonard Curtis & Co., whose address is above, will provide the creditors free of charge with such information as to the Company's affairs as the creditors may reasonably require until the 5th May 1988.
Dated the 22nd day of April 1988
L.W. FELTHAM - Director

IN THE MATTER OF QUATRES SAISONS (SPORTSWEAR) LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

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Dated this 22nd day of April 1988
Philip Monjack, FCA
Liquidator
Chartered Accountants,
PO BOX 553
30 Eastbourne Terrace
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THE BANKRUPTCY ACTS 1914 AND 1926
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
IN THE BARNET COUNTY COURT
IN BANKRUPTCY NO 11 OF 1929

RE: Albert de Angelis (deceased) Building Contractor lately of 234 Berry Hill Lane, Mansfield, Notts and previously of Clarendon Road, Boreham Wood, Elstree, Herts. I, Alan David Kenningham FCA, of Latham Crossley & Davis, Stanhope House, 110 Drury Lane, London WC2B 5ST hereby give notice that I have been duly appointed and certified by the Department of Trade and Industry as Trustee of the estate of the above named Bankrupt.

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ALAN DAVID KENNINGHAM FCA
Trustee

LEGAL NOTICES

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
IN BANKRUPTCY NO. 18 OF 1988
IN THE READING COUNTY COURT
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All persons having in their possession or under their control any property or effects of the bankrupt must deliver them to me. All debts due to the estate must be paid to me.
Dated this 22 day of April 1988
J J Schapira - Trustee

THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
TRISTAR WINE & SPIRIT AGENCIES LIMITED
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named COMPANY are required on or before the 18th day of May 1988, to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors, if any, to BH Larkins of Price Waterhouse, No.1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are by their Solicitors, or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 26th day of April 1988
B H Larkins (Chartered Accountant)
Liquidator

PUBLIC NOTICES

MANCHESTER UNITY LIFE INSURANCE COLLECTING SOCIETY
(Register No. 50 Coll)
Registered Office: Odd Fellows House, 40 Fountain Street, Manchester, M2 2AB.
The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Regency Room, Queens Hotel, Promenade, Southport, on Wednesday the 25th May 1988 at 5.15 p.m.
AGENDA
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 1987: Report of the Committee and Balance Sheet and Auditors Report 1987: Appointment of Arbitrators: To consider and if thought fit approve an Amendment to Rule to meet the requirements of the Financial Services Act 1986 with regard to policyholder protection by adding a new section to Rule 3: Any Other Business.
A copy of the proposed Amendment of Rule may be obtained by any Member upon application to the Society's Registered Office.

COMPANY NOTICES

NESTLÉ S.A.

Nestlé S.A., Cham and Vevey (Switzerland)

The shareholders are hereby invited to the
121st Ordinary General Meeting
to be held on Thursday May 19, 1988 at 3.00 p.m.
at the "Palais de Beaulieu"
in Lausanne (Switzerland)

Agenda

1. Approval of the 1987 Accounts and of the Directors' Report.
2. Discharge of the Board of Directors and of the Management.
3. Decision on the appropriation of the net profit.
4. Statutory elections.

The holders of *bearer shares* may obtain their admission card (with a proxy) at the Company's Share Control Office in Cham not later than on Monday May 16, 1988 at noon. The cards will be issued either against presentation of a certificate to the effect that the shares have been deposited with a bank, or after the shares have been deposited at one of the Company's Registered Offices. The shares will in both cases remain blocked *until the day following the General Meeting.*

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The holders of *registered shares* whose names appear in the Share Register will, within the next few days, receive the invitation to the General Meeting, together with a form incorporating an application for an admission card and a proxy. The Annual Report will be dispatched to them a few days later.

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The Board of Directors

Cham and Vevey, April 25, 1988

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THE ARTS

TELEVISION

Darling dodos

The *jeunesse dorée* of my generation has had it both ways, finding fame and fortune, and indeed power, as young rebels and keeping it in established middle age. As a prelude to their *68/88* season, Channel Four showed us again *World in Action*'s celebrated 1967 interview with one of the most dogged perennials of the Sixties bloom of youth.

The pointedly titled *Mick Jagger – Off the Hook* was filmed on the day that his prison sentence for drug offences had been quashed. He had been flown by helicopter to face a bizarre panel of establishment moral leaders: William Rees-Mogg, then editor of *The Times*, former Home Secretary Lord Stowhill, the then Bishop of Woolwich and the Jesuit priest, Father Corbishley.

Rees-Mogg had bravely, even poetically, defended Jagger in a leader with his famous question, "who breaks a butterfly on a wheel?" What was striking about the film was how the panel regarded Jagger as though he *were* a butterfly, their mildly patronizing puzzlement repeatedly replaced by a look of child-like wonder at the ornate creature before them.

Jagger himself was most un-Jagger-like. When I interviewed him two years after this film, he turned, the moment the tape was switched on, into the stage Mick, mumbling his way incoherently down the class scale – and straight with one of my questions into Pseuds' Corner. But in the film he was still the LSE student, passably articulate, with no more than a slight London accent.

He may have offered platitudes but so did the panel. The whole exercise seemed intellectually not a great clash of two cultures, but more a benign sixth form debate about freedom and society.

In *My African Farm* (BBC2) for *40 Minutes*, Molly Dineen went on another of her cinematic safaris in Kenya in search of comically colonial, if not mischievous, whites. Sylvia Richardson was a splendid old dragon, who did not hold her fire, but was revealed as nicer than she sounded.

And her robustly female companion gave as good as she got: "You would have probably killed them if you had them," she said, of Sylvia's recollections of her miscarried quads.

Andrew Hislop

Nicholas Hytner's production of Sir Michael Tippett's *The Knot Garden* opens tonight at Covent Garden, conducted by Siân Edwards. **Jill Gomez** here recalls her controversial role in the 1970 première of the work

Topless for Tippett

JOHN CAREWE

Eighteen years on: Jill Gomez (above left) today and (above right) in the Biba bikini, pictured with Robert Tear at the time of the première

If for nothing else, my creation of the role of Flora in Michael Tippett's *Knot Garden* at Covent Garden in 1970 has gone down in history as the first time that a principal singer went topless on the stage of the Royal Opera House. The whole opera, conducted by Colin Davis and produced by Peter Hall, attracted unprecedented publicity.

In part it was its very modernity which was newsworthy. There was a full-page feature in the *Daily Express*: "Grand Opera – off the peg!". The London stores where the clothes had been bought all got their credits. I was later given the Laura Ashley bath-robe and Biba bikini, which finally fell apart of its own accord two years ago in Tuscany.

Tippett's two previous operas, *The Midsummer Marriage* and *King Priam*, evoked mythological and historical story-lines. The new opera's plot was up to date. In the Elizabethan garden of Faber, a wealthy engineer (played by Raimund Herincx) and his wife Thea (Yvonne Minton), the psychoanalyst Mangus organizes therapeutic games for the hosts and house guests, casting himself in the role of Prospero.

The somewhat improbable guests include Thea's sister Denise, a freedom-fighter disfigured by torture, and the homosexual couple of Mel, a Negro writer, and Dov, a white musician. Flora, the teeenage ward of Faber and Thea, is the sexual catalyst who excites some fairly bizarre behaviour in the other characters.

The invitation to sing in *The Knot Garden* came out of the blue. I had had a rapid rise through Glyndebourne and was with Scottish Opera doing Henze's *Elegy for Young Lovers* and *The Magic Flute*. Peter Hemmings, (then head of Scottish Opera) came and said: "Feel like learning a new opera by Michael Tippett?". Elizabeth Harewood had had to drop out, due to pregnancy, and I impetuously agreed.

I think I was more excited by what I had to do dramatically than what I had to sing. Of course there are great moments, like the big blues number at the end of the first act – it gave you the same kind of feeling as being part of a Verdi ensemble – there was the coloratura to pip out, and the famous Schubert song from *Die schöne Müllerin*, but otherwise the vocal line was wickedly angular and intimidating.

Peter Hall, whom I had first met when I did *Calisto* with him at Glyndebourne, wanted everything played as realistically as possible. This was taken to extremes.

Yvonne Minton had to stagger in carrying a tray which was set with full bottles, glasses, and a massive cut-glass whisky decanter –, all this while negotiating the slatted floor and a formidably difficult vocal line. She was given a lion-tamer's whip, which she used with alarming veracity for chastizing her husband, Faber.

There was also the "real rose-picking" episode, when Flora wanders along the rose-hedge encircling the stage. During her coloratura flights she picks a rose, so that she can strip its petals to the nursery-rhyme words, "Eeny, meeny, miney, mo".

My humming and trilling were interrupted by a banshee-like screech as my fingers closed on the vicious thorns of an all-too-real rose deliberately set among the plastic blooms. When I remonstrated with Peter about this, he retorted that the rose had to be real so that my reaction to the pain of plucking should be totally convincing.In the end a special false rose was substituted for the impossibly prickly real one.

Timothy O'Brien's shimmeringly brilliant stage-setting also held its perils, and these were less easy to avoid. In the slatted wooden floor were two concentric circular tracks, allowing curtains of aluminium rods to pass and repass – a kinetic representation of an Elizabethan maze.

The frantic scene changes required us to slip through the gaps between the two rod-curtains while avoiding being trapped between them or, worst of all, falling down or getting a foot stuck in the deep tracks cut in the floor.

I had been thrown out from the wings, turning and twisting towards the labyrinth. While running the hazard of the scything rods, I had also to catch a gigantic bouquet of flowers vigorously tossed in by the stage manager.Lunging for the bouquet, I missed my footing and fell into one of the tracks. The rods ground to a halt and I recall someone summoning me back to consciousness with an agreeably real double-brandy.

One of the most fascinating things about *The Knot Garden* was that cinematic techniques, such as cutting and dissolving between short scenes, had been built in by Tippett (a great movie fan) and we had to make these work in front of a live audience.

Although not exactly experiencing it at first hand, Peter Hall also revelled in the terrors of the staging. He kept saying, "We must always keep the element of danger – the singers must never be allowed to feel secure." Our experience of *The Knot Garden* was an apotheosis of this principle.

The topless episode came about in the context of Mangus, the psychoanalyst, requiring the characters to enact their fantasies in the guise of scenes from *The Tempest*. These charades were supposed to exorcize our various demons, in Flora's case a fantasy of being raped.

The prescribed model was Caliban's attempted rape of Miranda, with the ample Tom Carey playing the part of Caliban. We all sat around thinking how to play the scene. Peter wondered what would be so shocking that every right-thinking male in the audience would want to stand up and kill the black man who could do whatever he was going to do to that young white girl.

Having listened to everyone else's ideas, I said, "Well, it's obvious, isn't it? Flora's lying there in a bikini, hoping to get a suntan. Why not have Mel creep up, leap on me and rip off the top?"

Everyone fell about laughing except Peter, who said, "That's absolutely brilliant, that's it. I'd never thought of you wearing a bikini, but that has to be right. Mel pulls off the top, leaving you bare and defenceless. You and Tazeena [Firth, the costume designer] must go off and find a bikini at once."

Tom Carey was so horrified about what he had to do that he fudged the scene at rehearsals and only got my top off properly on the first night, when it came away with a gratifying loud rip of Velcro.

I was meant to count to six before I ran off, but got no further than four before I upped and ran. While lying there I'd heard the unmistakable sound of coins going into the slots for the opera glasses; I later learned to time my departure for the precise moment when the glasses were being levelled at the stage.

Most of the opera, and above all the second act, worked very well, but I was never totally happy about the third act. The emotional impact seemed to fizzle out; such new pairings that emerged, like that of Denise with Mel, were less than convincing.

Unfortunately, I missed David Freeman's severe, white-box staging of *The Knot Garden*, where I'm told that the sexual tensions were, *pace* Peter Hall, much more credibly put across. I'm looking forward, from the safety of a seat in the audience, to reliving this great opera of our time in a wholly new interpretation.

● *Jill Gomez gives a recital,* Songs for the Night, *at Wigmore Hall on April 30. She sings Donna Anna in Kent Opera's production of* Don Giovanni, *touring from May 19.*

CONCERT

Slightly unsubtle

Philharmonia/Davis
Festival Hall

The South Bank's amorphous "End Games" series chanced on two late works in this concert of music by Richard Strauss. One was the Four Last Songs, final utterances beyond reasonable doubt. The other was the symphonic fragment arranged by the conductor Clemens Krauss in 1952, three years after Strauss's death, from the mythological comedy *Die Liebe der Danae*, completed in 1940. An "After Game"?

Whatever, it came across as a perfectly workable concert piece, its initial dramatic flourish (portraying Jupiter storming away from his rival suitor Midas's palace) soon giving way to music more noble, luxuriant and ultimately, relaxed. It included some lovely orchestral effects, all Strauss's own – there were, for instance, gentle heart cascades magically glistening through the texture at one point – while Andrew Davis, the newly-announced chief conductor elect of the BBCSO, controlled the pace of the work impressively.

The very ending was particularly sustained, as was the case in the four last songs. Poised though this work was throughout, it found the soprano, Alison Hargon, in strangely tense form, even if with an evident will to do the music all possible interpretative justice.

Elsewhere in the concert, Davis was liable to resort to bombast where subtlety would have been more in order. That was most evident in the anonymously arranged Suite from *Der Rosenkavalier*, whose waltz section strayed dangerously near vulgarity.

Such a score is surely too rich to need milking for everything it is worth. Details here tended to become fuzzy at the edges, despite some excellent contributions from John Anderson's oboe, and from the Philharmonia Orchestra's brass section.

Similarly, *Till Eulenspiegel's lustige Streiche* might have had a more mischievous sparkle if Davis had refrained from exercising a touch of heavy-handedness. The work was given a secure performance, nevertheless, and its inclusion here was easily justifiable on the grounds that, though not Strauss's end game, it certainly represents Till Eulenspiegel's.

Stephen Pettitt

Comic economy lesson

Teechers
Arts

John Godber's latest snappy, albeit scrappy, touring success comes into the theatre where his *Bouncers* played to capacity audiences for a large chunk of last year and much of the year before.

Acting on the principle that the less you muck around with a winning formula the better the prospect, he again writes for a small cast who play a multitude of characters.

But since his subject this time is education he introduces (how could he honourably avoid it?) a more serious note than was required for his portrait of Saturday nights at the disco.

The bulk of the show is presented as an end of term play, put on by three school leavers whose final year has been given meaning by an enthusiastic drama teacher.

They loaf onto the stage, two knowing girls and a gum-chewing yob, and after giving us a tart picture of life at their actual school embark on a thinly-disguised version of it, as seen from the eyes of a drama teacher.

Godber works best when he cuts quickly between scenes and provides frequent changes of character. When he gives an actor one character to stay with throughout the evening the result can be dire, as in *Putting On The Ritz*.

But here his talented and versatile trio have half a dozen parts apiece to hop between. Paul Rider shifts from lofty gormlessness to honest-eyed idealism, and then to the casual charm of an adolescent Charles Aznavour.

Shirley-Anne Selby, a young giantess who can look down at the top of his head without raising her ankles, becomes brat, bully, and *Mikado*-mad headmistress, heartily proud of producing an all-male version of *The Trojan Women*.

With the help of pint-sized Gillian Tompkins (cowed teacher of Humanities, PE sexpot) they nip through the school year, taking in class warfare, teacher tantrums, sex and the shortcomings of the State system.

Lifting the desk lids on the classroom set, which is puzzlingly backed by fragments of a gigantic willow-pattern plate (perhaps to suggest broken hopes), the cast take out their necessary props: false noses, books (not many of them), straw boaters for the grammar school up the road.

The impersonations speak of close knowledge of the variously slobby, vain or anguished subjects, and the accompanying facial expressions can be marvellously funny. There are also some excellent jokes, not solely about sex.

Against this spritely achievement must be set the uncertain treatment Godber gives his serious messages – instantly recognizable because the characters stop swearing to deliver them.

He places these sensibly, one inside (boy to headmistress) and one outside the play within the play, but they are brushed with the soft-heartedness that has already unfortunately taken the crispness off the second half.

Still, the author's heart is absolutely in the right place; and the young audience applauding his lines may also have seen school drama as a soft option, as do the three in the play, before discovering how it can reward the time which is spent on it.

Jeremy Kingston

● The Australian Ballet returns to London, after an absence of 12 years, for two weeks at the Royal Opera House Covent Garden, July 26-August 6, opening with the Royal Gala London première of Maina Gielgud's *The Sleeping Beauty*.

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Not plain: Fidelia (Geraldine Alexander) with Manly (David Calder)

Early anti-hero

THEATRE

The Plain Dealer
Swan,
Stratford-upon-Avon

Playwrights are apt to define themselves through the work of their predecessors, but seldom with the X-ray clarity that Wycherley risked in his last play.

In summary, *The Plain Dealer* sounds as if it ought to live up to its title, as the straightforward fable of an honest sea-captain returning from the Dutch wars for a painful education in the corruption of the society which he has been defending.

Since Manly turned his back on it, London has turned into a snake-pit of lies and malice, and the two people he most trusted in the world – who are his fiancée Olivia, and his best friend Vernish – have married and stolen all his life's savings.

Such a story coming from the supposedly Jonsonian author prepares you for a vigorous moral comedy with the blacks and whites clearly marked out. Nothing could be further from the play itself.

Looking for previous treatments of his theme, Wycherley went back not to Jonson, but to Molière and Shakespeare and produced a combined reworking of *Le Misanthrope* and *Twelfth Night*. The plot thus expands to include a Viola-like character, Fidelia, who follows the hero she adores, disguised as a boy, and who takes on Cesario's role of proxy wooer.

She is there for structural reasons, as the one entirely sympathetic figure, and Geraldine Alexander achieves a remarkable success in bringing her even half to life in Ron Daniels's production.

It is what Wycherley does to the other characters that reveals what he is up to. Olivia, for instance, is assembled not only from her Shakespearian namesake and from the flirtatious Celimène, but also from Molière's arch-prude, Arsinoë, thus turning into a villainess of inexhaustible hypocrisy. Molière's amiably compromising Philinte is reborn as Freeman, a rakish fortune-hunter always ready for a window-smashing night on the town.

Manly himself contains elements of Orsino and Alceste, combined with an ungovernably surly temper from which he emerges, in David Calder's performance, as a cross between Timon of Athens and Toytown's Mr Grouser. He has strong claims as the English stage's first anti-hero.

The problem for queasy spectators, and the evident reason for the play's thin performance history, is that nobody (except the languishing Fidelia) is in the right. Olivia and her simpering fops are the obvious satiric target, but it is the righteous self-interest and moral blindness of Manly that the play really blows to pieces.

Played on a clinical adaptation of the Restoration forestage, Mr Daniels's production is a high-energy event that negotiates some of the trickiest gear changes anywhere in English comedy. Besides the Gallic and Shakespearian elements, there are straight Restoration fops (to which Mark Hadfield and Tom Fahy bring the exact quality of virile effeminacy), and "humour" characters, like the litigious Widow Blackacre – played with single-issue fanaticism by Marjorie Yates, who does not quite confirm Voltaire's view that she was the most comical character ever staged.

Joanne Pearce's Olivia, a smiling odalisque, oozing poison like some fragrant perfume, justifies her effect on the males in the very act of giving herself away. It is from her that the production makes its trickiest ascent near tragedy, when Manly, knowing what she has done, continues his blind pursuit from abject lust. A remarkable show.

Irving Wardle

Old fashioned spell cast again

OPERA

Cosi fan tutte
London Coliseum

John Cox's ENO production of *Cosi fan tutte* asks no really awkward questions about the opera's implicit chauvinism. The men deceive as if by right, and seem only temporarily flustered by the results. The women, although (in this casting) vested with considerably more character and vivacity, appear finally almost to be grateful that their own natures have been revealed as fickle and foolish.

But the staging, played before Roger Butlin's elegant landscapes, is so deft and observant (and with the benefit, this time round, of some new witticisms, added by Cox to the Revd Marmaduke Browne's 1890 translation) that one willingly suspends modern reservations. Moreover, this revival is impressively conducted by Graeme Jenkins, making his ENO début after much promising work at Glyndebourne.

Jenkins erred towards an overweighty orchestral sound in the overture and early scenes. From a superbly delicate Act I trio onwards, however, he judged balances perfectly. He also recognized the moments where lyricism must be given space to flower, and the places (notably a scintillating Act I finale) where pace and precise ensemble are all-important.

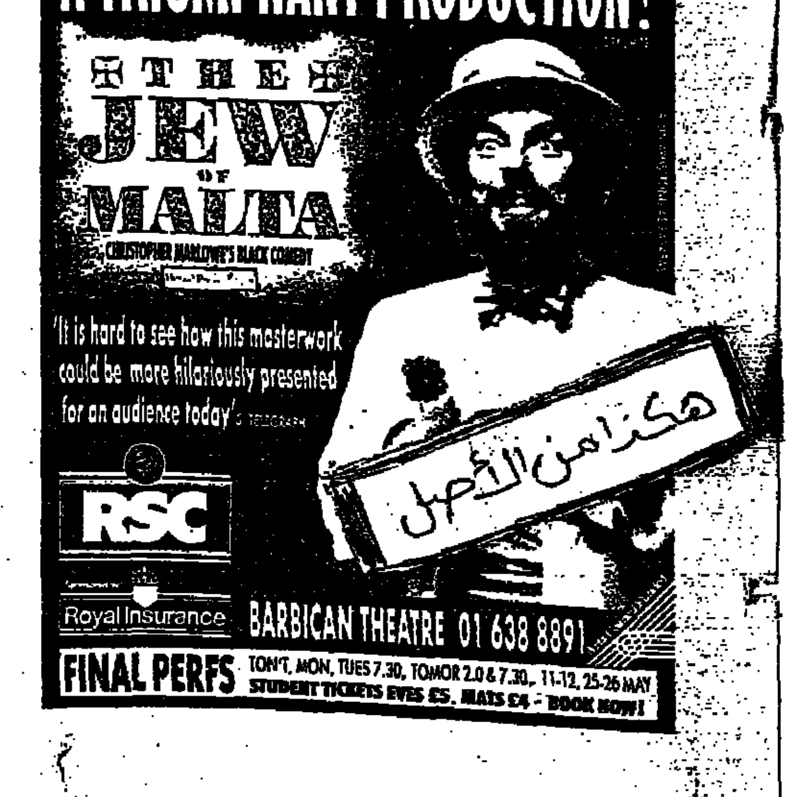
As Dorabella, Della Jones gives a monumental performance. Whether it is a performance that belongs in *Cosi fan tutte* is a matter of taste. It does have elements of a Gilbertian matron enjoying a final fling, which makes her meek compliance at the end a little unbelievable. But her stage presence is compelling, her timing immaculate, and her singing brilliantly vibrant.

Felicity Lott's Fiordiligi is an ideal foil: deeper in feeling, more vulnerable. She lacked low-register power at some crucial points, but her direct and beautifully tuned delivery of the big Act II aria cast a spell over the house.

A relative newcomer to ENO, Andrew Shore, offered a highly polished (if perhaps too genial) Don Alfonso. Christopher Booth-Jones (Guglielmo) saved his most stylish singing for the Act II duets. Maldwyn Davies must complement his honeyed tone with much more fire if his Ferrando is to register as a personality.

Cathryn Pope's Despina lacks natural vivacity, but a capacity (alone, among the women) to see the serious side made this character unusually interesting.

Richard Morrison



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The history woman

Why is Rosalind Miles intent on debunking 7,000 years of history? Because, she tells Victoria McKee, men have got it wrong

Step right up and read all about it: the greatest story never told. Warrior goddesses, bloodthirsty priestesses, female Bluebeards, Bedouin women who could unilaterally divorce their husbands simply by turning their tents around — no wonder, says Dr Rosalind Miles, that male historians tried to suppress it for so many centuries.

Miles believes it takes a woman to write women's history, so she set herself the task of debunking 7,000 *years of history, and in its place will* shortly serve up *her* story, under the title *The Women's History of the World.*

The book does not concern itself with such notables as Joan of Arc, Florence Nightingale, Catherine the Great or Elizabeth I — because, Miles writes, they are "heroines in the mirror image of heroes". Nor does it address itself to whether or not the Virgin Queen ever announced herself the possessor of "the body of a weak and feeble woman". Most professional historians are agreed, Miles says briskly, that it is highly unlikely: the Queen's speech to her army in the face of the approaching Armada was probably written by a man, she says, and was almost certainly delivered by *one, "as a woman's voice is not likely* to carry over an army".

Miles — head of the new Centre for Women's Studies at Coventry Polytechnic, lecturer, journalist and author of both best-selling blockbusters (*Return to Eden* and *Bitter Legacy*) and a biography of Ben Jonson — takes her new book very seriously, although she suspects her publisher at first expected her to come up with something along the lines of "Who cooked the Last Supper?", as she puts it.

Not that such speculation is irrelevant, she adds: "Men make one noble gesture and go down in history forever — like the young Roman who would rush forward and hurl himself on the sword of the enemy. Brilliant: but who sees to the children? Women ensure that life will go on."

But is Miles's heroic vision of "poets, priests, queens, mothers, lovers, athletes, soldiers and litigious courtesans" who were undaunted by the myth that women were "physically weak, emotionally unstable or intellectually ill-equipped" any more accurate than centuries of "male" history? She bristles, like a mother told her perfect new baby might have a slight squint. If she errs at all, she maintains, it is merely on the side of enthusiasm. Her research, says Miles, a classical scholar with five academic degrees, is rock solid.

She spent months pouring over documents in the British Museum, the Bodleian and libraries all over the country. She studied the Bible, the Koran and Hammurabi's Code. She used her knowledge of Latin, Greek and Middle English to decipher contemporary chronicles and laundry lists — where she maintains "the *real* history resides".

In her preface she notes: "In 1238, only one maidservant, 'awake by night and singing psalms', saw the assassin who *gained entry to the bedchamber* of the King of England, knife in hand. She changed the course of history — and the chronicler didn't even get her name." (Miles herself neglects to mention the name of the King — it was Henry III.)

JOHN POTTER

Ready for battle: Rosalind Miles, 'happy to live with the consequences'

One editor at her publishers, she marvels, actually asked her whether such omissions really mattered. "Matter? It's the *whole point*," Miles screamed. She cannot disguise the fact that she is disappointed by the surprisingly slim volume that emerged *after radical pruning by her publishers* — and by the fact that there are no illustrations, and just a flower on the cover. *They had originally toyed with* creating a mock-Bayeux tapestry with all the figures female, but finally a rethink of Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel scene of God infusing Adam with the spark of life was agreed upon.

"But the artist drew this female lying back with a come-to-bed look on her face, instead of being vital and surging forward into life," Miles says incredulously, "and when I suggested that God had to be a woman too — *well, all hell broke loose.*" So she was left with a white flower of truce on an inoffensive pale blue background.

Miles paints some pretty graphic pictures with prose. After proving — at least to her own satisfaction — in the first chapter that women are "the original, the first sex, the biological norm from which males are only a deviation", the crusade moves on through the ages to chronicle the exploits of women such as Artemisia, "the first known woman sea-captain, whose command of her fleet at the battle of Marathon was so devastating that the Athenians put a huge bounty on her head"; Zenobia, the Scythian warrior queen who "routed the Roman Army, went on to capture Egypt and Asia Minor and, when finally defeated by the Romans, escaped death by seducing a Roman senator"; and Fredegund, the Frankish "female Bluebeard" who murdered her husband, his ex-wife and *all her step*-children and lived to die peacefully in her own bed in 597 AD.

Miles, who is married and has two children, admits: "Although I was incredibly attracted to the idea of the *eternal woman*, the woman who lived, worked, bore her children, looked after her man and did her thing and died, if I'm truthful the women who really attracted me were the assertive, egotistical ones who did just what they wanted in the way men would have *done*. Fredegund was an absolute monster, but there's something attractive about that relentless ego drive that women so often have to inhibit."

She is prepared for — and almost relishes the prospect of — cries of outrage over the book. "It says 'basically, boys, you got it wrong'. And I don't expect the boys to like that — but I'm perfectly happy to live with the consequences." But, she adds, "most of the men I've talked to about it find it the sexiest subject in the *universe — it's the best* cocktail party gambit."

The book is dedicated to "all the women of the world who have had no history", but she really wrote it, says Miles firmly, "for my mother and my daughter" — and without any thought of television millions (her two novels have both become television series). She hopes it will appeal "to anyone with any interest in the human race, since it's the history of life, love and the whole damn thing".

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A right to be vulgar

BARBARA AMIEL

Eva Grimaldi is on the cover of this month's *Tatler* and if you are as *densely out of touch* with things as I am, you may not know her name either. She is a striking young actress and should we ever meet in a changing room, I shall recognize most of her from pout to diaphragm, *it all* being exposed in the photograph.

Others were not seduced, however, and drew Miss Grimaldi's choice of accessories (yellow-green gold crucifix, £3,500, Tiffany's) to the attention of the office of Cardinal Hume. A close scrutiny of the fashion article inside *Tatler* followed. There were eight pages of photographs under the title "There's many a slip 'twixt B cup and lip". The slips in question were of the satin and silk sort with dropped straps.

Cardinal Hume's office was not impressed. The mood of the article was very *Zizi Jeanmaire doing Roland* Petit's *Carmen*. The model was placed on rumpled sheets with little but a crêpe de Chine slip between her and a steamy male companion. The storyline was erotic with overtones of pain and eight costume changes. Accessories included a crucifix on the wall, crucifixes around the necks of the man and the woman, rosary beads, votary candles and devotional statues. The Cardinal's office described the whole article as one "likely to cause grave offence on the grounds of good taste, morality and religious sensibility".

When I first heard about the fuss, which was reported on Wednesday, I leafed through the article once more. The *hooker look is a staple of* fashion photography which probably started in the Twenties in Germany. *It has come* and gone since then according to the mood of society and had its last great flourish in the Seventies, when the vogue for German photographer Helmut Newton was at its peak. A lot of less talented photographers and art directors mimicked his style, often unhappily. In Toronto, I recall one very respectable Canadian department store chain which succumbed *to Newton fever in the Christ*mas of 1976. Instead of the usual advertisements of mom and dad staring blissfully over wall-to-wall shag carpeting at the vacuum cleaner under the Christmas tree, the seasonal publicity showed a nearly nude *girl lying sprawled at the feet* of four brooding men. Women's groups protested and very soon mom and dad were back, she in tufted pink chenille dressing gown and he in his Sunday morning argyle sweater.

The *Tatler* article in question uses the convention of the hooker look. The model is in a cheap little room, perhaps in Paris or Milan. Her iron bed is *spare*, the walls are bare, she sits in her scarlet lipstick and black Fogal stockings waiting. The fact that the merchandise shown is on the expensive side — £150 for a slip, £30.50 a pair of stockings and £1,950 for her Ilias Lalounis ruby and sapphire cross — is another convention of fashion photography which delights in displaying luxury goods against a drab setting. I find it irritating to see Russian lynx *coats shown by models stand*ing next to fire hydrants or factory walls but in this I stand alone.

Eroticism has often been a mixture of the sacred and the profane

Throughout history, eroticism has often been a mixture of the sacred and profane. All the same, as I looked at the *Tatler* pictures my sympathies were with the Cardinal. It would take a very inspired use of the holy symbols of any group of people to convince me that their place in a commercial or erotic picture was justified. These pictures were technically well done but the juxtaposition of religious artefact and low eroticism was clearly attempting to shock. I don't know whether I am delighted or alarmed to find that my taste is somewhat similar to that of the Cardinal's office, but I can't help feeling that this whole approach lacks refinement.

The Cardinal, however, was not simply satisfied with letting his tastes be known. He has gone to the Press Council and the Advertising Standards Authority to complain about this feature and it is here that we part company. I'm afraid I find it offensive, tasteless and dangerous to try to legislate or enforce one's tastes or aesthetic judgement. Neither the Cardinal's aesthetics nor indeed mine should have the force of law, regulation or mandatory review. We have not yet reached the point in this free society, I hope, where it is illegal to offend. If you do something exploitative and tasteless, you may run the risk of having it pointed out, but are we going to allow tribunals to set up standards of inoffensiveness? While my sympathies are with the Cardinal, I don't believe that either his tastes or mine should be made enforceable on anyone else. There are courts of law for libel or defamation and these are the proper places to sort *out any contretemps.*

A friend suggested that I might feel differently had it been my religious symbols clutched to a model's bosom. I suppose it would be even more tasteless to exploit a holy symbol of a minority religion and might even acquire an element of mockery or threat. *But the principle remains the* same. Star of David or not, I stand by *Tatler*'s right to be *vulgar.*

Meanwhile, if the complaint to the Press Council is upheld, *Tatler* has a "moral obligation" to publish the Council's critical adjudication. Speaking *only for myself*, I think in such circumstances *Tatler* has a moral obligation to be party to no such thing — unless of course it illustrates the adjudication in accordance with its own fine sensibilities.

Social power of positive drinking

Last week *The Times* published extracts from *The Demon Drink*, in which the wine writer **Jancis Robinson** (below) examined some aspects of the dangers of alcohol abuse. Here she celebrates instead the positive side of drinking

Like *smokers*, even social drinkers are starting to allow themselves to be driven into a pen labelled "Sinners". No one, it seems, dares wave a modest flag for our favourite source of mild euphoria. That alcohol used unwisely is both socially and medically harmful is no good reason for feeling guilt by association about sensible drinking. It would be absurd to forget that *strong drink, and wine in* particular, is a gift rich in civilizing influence and is even, in many different cultures, imbued with religious significance.

Used wisely, alcohol can enhance our lives as no other substance can. The medical facts suggest that, unlike smoking, *drinking in* moderation is by no means bad for us, and may even do us good. Socially, a good *90* per cent of us, the British adults who drink regularly, know that it is a reliable lifter of the spirits, gear-changer, and oiler of the wheels of sociability, which is why we continue to do it.

There is also the *indisputable* fact that so many alcoholic drinks are just so *extraordinarily delicious*. When I find that my dinner tastes better with a particular wine and vice versa, am I simply justifying an addiction? *Are those who meet to* discuss the relative merits of Lowland and *Highland malt* whiskies actually providing themselves with a cover for *drug abuse? Is the master* brewer a mere pusher?

Of course not. Connoisseurship exists and provides real sensory and intellectual pleasure to an ever wider slice of our society. Alcohol, far from being connoisseurship's *raison d'être*, is increasingly seen by some as an inconvenient *ingredient* in the business of appreciating life's more straightforward pleasures.

We cannot pretend that alcohol is not psychoactive, that it does not have the power to affect our state of consciousness. But although as a nation we probably cling more to the notion of *complete self-determinism than* most, we need feel no guilt or inadequacy about using a *psychoactive drug — so long* as we can control our use of it.

We do it every time we drink a cup of tea or coffee, after all, and for most of us alcohol is markedly less addictive than caffeine. For centuries almost every culture in the world has felt the need for a similar escape route from mundane *reality*, or, as *some societies* have viewed it, for a direct line to the supernatural.

Unlike many drugs embraced in other cultures, alcohol is predominantly a sociable drug. It promotes discourse and social intercourse. To those under the gentle influence of a controlled *dose of it, fellow men* (and, importantly, oneself) seem more attractive, intelligent and witty; problems seem less insuperable; the world a better place to be. This may be mild fantasy, but fantasy can be an *important ingredient* in our lives, especially for those to whom reality is increasingly *grim. These are alcohol's more* obvious, if oddly unacknowledged, benefits. Less well known is the fact that there is eminently respectable medical evidence to suggest that moderate drinking is better for us than abstinence. More than 15 different research exercises around the world have shown *that those who drink mod*erately, an average of between one and three drinks a day, are less likely than teetotallers to suffer coronary heart disease, the nation's biggest killer (killing about a hundred times more Britons each year than cirrhosis, for example). Those who consume about two drinks a day are also likely to have lower blood pressure than non-drinkers (although, conversely, those with high blood pressure should watch *their alcohol intake carefully).*

Alcohol's sedative properties can be positively harnessed, *too*, as *medical* authorities concerned about our dependence on sleeping pills and tranquillizers have pointed out. Its role in easing the problems of old age now has scientific endorsement: after a cocktail hour was introduced at a Boston old people's home, doctors found *that their charges needed less* medication, slept better and were more mobile. Alcohol *also stimulates the appetite*, can increase the absorption of certain useful minerals, and was doubtless the world's first painkiller and antiseptic, as St Paul pointed out.

These are just some of the reasons why drink is by no means all bad, and why we should make the most of it in *some circumstances (the celebratory* binge being a fine institution) and the least in others (a period of abstinence being essential for the liver).

We are already learning to treat alcohol more wisely, as witness the death of the three-martini lunch and the tidal wave of mineral water that is crashing over caterers' profit margins.

But we must be careful at *this crossroads in our relation*ship with alcohol, now that so *much* more is known about its negative aspects, that we do not allow ourselves to join many North Americans and Scandinavians in throwing a heavy and unnecessary shroud of guilt over even moderate drinking. We now have all the *more reason to respect al*cohol, quite rightly, for the powerful drug that it is, but also to rejoice in the fact that we live in a society that allows us easy access to such wonderful stuff.

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All hands on deck: a ship-shape Libby Purves with husband Paul Heiney and their children

Closing down sail

Why one family shut up shop for four months and set off on a voyage round Britain

By the time you read this, I should be well offshore. We are taking a *long-dreamed-of* sabbatical to sail around the entire coast of Britain, or *attempt to.*

We are emphatically not pursuing any records and our *stopping-places* will be frequent and wholly unpredictable, being determined by curiosity, weather forecasts, and the dictates of the infant crew, aged five and three. So in every department of our *lives, we have had to say* (with mounting glee, I must admit): "Don't call us, because you can't. We might call you." It is a heady feeling.

But it is more difficult than it sounds, stealing a summer. The logistics of stepping out of your normal well-rutted life from May Day until the beginning of September are daunting: the delegating of a house, two jobs, and several very dumb animals *is time*-consuming and anxious, and the bureaucratic aspects defy belief.

Four months is just too long to let things slide: a succession of bills, unfinished hurricane insurance, tax and VAT demands will appear when we are gone and need to be *neutralized in advance, for* officials administering these matters find it very tiresome to be told that you have no forwarding address whatsoever. I think it unsettles them to think of taxpayers, VAT registrees, people with DHSS numbers wandering around loose.

Stowing a boat for a long voyage is an interesting exercise in whittling life down to its essentials and sorting out family priorities. Adults, for *instance*, have *sleeping-bags* and put up with it, but the children get cosy duvets as well. The sextant has been somewhat crowded by a plastic box labelled "Rose's birthday party" (she will be four in a rather wild phase of the trip, and we are taking no chances on finding party squeakers on sale in *Stromness, especially if* it turns out to be Sunday).

Most disconcerting is the *reaction of some friends*. We thought it was a pretty obvious idea: if you live on an island with a wonderful coastline, and are lucky enough to have a boat, you have an unrivalled opportunity to sail several thousand miles without ever getting far from land and to find yourself neatly back at home. Yes, they concede: "But the children!"

It is rarely the safety aspect that appals them (not once they've seen the severe harnessing routines aboard Grace O'Malley) but the idea of two parents — working parents, at that, with a daily nanny — voluntarily caging *themselves up in 30ft of boat* for four months with their children and no nanny at all.

"Won't they drive you insane?" ask the critics. Well, yes, they probably will. But we couldn't have left them, and we couldn't bear not to go. We *place our trust* in the fact that parental love will outweigh parental irritation in the end, and that in our over-sophisticated society, for modern *parents to have an opportu*nity to spend a decent time together alone with their children, working to the same purpose, tending the same little ship and sharing the good times and the bad, is a rare privilege.

On a common voyage, lasting several months, we will all *have to learn a bit of tolerance* and adaptability. We think small children have great potential for both: they won't have television, daily hot baths, or more than minimal toys, but they will have us both, and new scenes and harbours every day, and a familiar cosy boat to come *home to when they have met* the puffins of Skomer or heard the wild song of the seals in the Sound of Harris. They will miss their best friends, and the cats, but at least will learn the lessons of remembering and *letter-writing*, and the joy of reunion in September.

We do get cold feet occasionally. But the most encouraging thing is that the people who really know a lot about children's needs haven't raised an eyebrow. Our GP advised on first aid and medicines, and might even turn up *himself* to sail a leg of the journey with us; and as for Nicholas's school, without a moment's hesitation they told us to go for it, supplied books, and prepared a log-book entitled "Nicholas Goes to Sea". So we've got to go now, haven't we?

Libby Purves

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FILMS

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BABETTE'S FEAST (U): One of Karen Blixen's lighter tales, immaculately transferred to the screen by a fellow Dane, Gabriel Axel, with Stéphane Audran (105 min).
Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470). Progs 2.40, 5.00, 7.25, 9.45.
Chelsea (01-351 3742). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.35, 8.50.
Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.35, 8.50.

BROADCAST NEWS (15): Slick drama about network TV journalism from James L Brooks *(Terms of Endearment)*; with William Hurt, Albert Brooks, Holly Hunter as the trio caught in a jumble of professional and romantic problems (132 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.25, 5.20, 8.10.
☎ **Odeon Haymarket** (01-839 7697). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.10.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.10.
☎ **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01-722 5905). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.15.

■ **EMPIRE OF THE SUN (PG):** J G Ballard's autobiographical novel about a British child in Shanghai caught by the invading Japanese in the Second World War, with Christian Bale, John Malkovich and Nigel Havers (153 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 1.45, 5.10, 8.40.

■ **FATAL ATTRACTION (18):** A spurned lover (Glenn Close) takes revenge on Michael Douglas, his wife (Anne Archer) and family. Adrian Lyne directs this unsettling thriller (119 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.10, 9.15.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.30, 5.00, 8.00.
☎ **Plaza** (01-200 0200). Progs 12.05, 2.25, 4.45, 7.10, 9.30.

■ **FLOWERS IN THE ATTIC (15):** V C Andrews's suspense novel about four children confined by their mother (Victoria Tennant) to an attic. Directed by Jeffrey Bloom (92 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.00, 4.15, 6.30, 8.45.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.15, 6.40, 9.10.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.25, 8.30.

■ **THE LAST EMPEROR (15):** Bertolucci's epic, winner of nine Oscars, tells the story of Pu Yi, China's last imperial ruler. With John Lone, Peter O'Toole (162 min).
Lumière (01-836 0691). Progs 1.20, 4.35, 7.55.
☎ **Screen on Baker Street** (01-935 2772). Progs 2.20, 4.25, 6.50, 9.00.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 2.00, 7.30.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-2.30, 7.30.

■ **MOONSTRUCK (PG):** Should Cher play it safe and marry Danny Aiello, or follow her heart and go for his brother, Nicholas Cage? Norman Jewison took the Best Director award at the Berlin Film Festival and Cher the Best Actress Oscar (102 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.35, 3.50, 6.05, 8.20.
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 1.10, 3.30, 5.50, 8.25.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.10.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.55, 3.55, 6.15, 8.30.
☎ **Plaza** (01-437 1234). Progs 12.30, 2.45, 5.00, 7.15, 9.30.

PROMISED LAND (15): Aimless young man goes to live in America with Jason Gedrick, Meg Ryan and Tracy Pollen, directed by Michael Hoffman (103 min).
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 1.35, 3.40, 6.00, 8.25.

RETRIBUTION (18): Dennis Lipscomb as a would-be suicide whose body is taken over by a murder victim bent on revenge (108 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.45, 5.30, 8.25.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.45, 5.30, 8.20.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.05, 8.30.
Cannon Royal (01-930 6915). Progs 1.10, 3.35, 6.00, 8.25.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279). Progs 1.05, 3.25, 5.45, 8.20.

■ **THREE MEN AND A BABY (PG):** Tom Selleck, Ted Danson and Steve Guttenberg play confirmed bachelors suddenly thrust into the problems of babycare. Leonard Nimoy directs. (103 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.00, 6.05, 8.40.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.05, 8.25.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.55, 4.00, 6.15, 8.30.

THE UNBEARABLE LIGHTNESS OF BEING (18): Philip Kaufman's adaptation of Milan Kundera's novel; a story of love and political consciousness set against the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia. With Daniel Day-Lewis, Juliette Binoche, Lena Olin (172 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 1.25, 5.00, 8.35.
☎ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-240 7200). Progs 1.00, 4.30, 8.00.

WALL STREET (15): Oliver Stone's impressively staged but wordy diatribe against the evils of greed and stock market manipulations. Michael Douglas won an Oscar as the amoral wheeler-dealer; Charlie Sheen co-stars as his naive protégé (126 min).
Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111). Progs 1.45, 5.10, 8.20, 11.45.

■ **WITHNAIL AND I (15):** Two out-of-work British actors try to maintain sanity at the end of the Sixties. Written and directed by Bruce Robinson; with Paul McGann and Richard E Grant (107 min).
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.25, 8.45.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 5.50, 8.30.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 22

HERZOG
(c) A high-ranking German or Austrian noble, before 1919, when they were mercifully abolished.

ROSINANTE
(a) A worn-out nag, from Don Quixote's horse: bony, full of blemishes, but highly regarded by him.

GOSSOON
(b) American slang for a young man or waiter, from the French *garçon*.

SUCCUBUS
(a) A female devil who seduces and rapes men while they are asleep; the male version who does this to women is an *incubus*.

THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **BLUES IN THE NIGHT:** Hit black blues show, with Carol Woods, Sarah Woollett, Helen Gelzer and Peter Straker singing their hearts out in a sleazy Chicago hotel.
Piccadilly Theatre, Denman Street, W1 (01-437 4506). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 6.30-8pm and 9-11pm, £8.50-£14.50. (D)

☆ **THE COMMON PURSUIT:** Simon Gray play traces the fortunes of undergraduate friends; splendid cast led by Rik Mayall, John Sessions, Stephen Fry, John Gordon Sinclair.
Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 2294). Tube: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Thurs 8-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 8.45-11pm, mats Fri and Sat 6-8.15pm, £6-£14.50.

London offers a range of Faustus at the moment, with Simon Callow's Goethe marathon enjoying an extended run at the Lyric, Hammersmith, and Havel's Czech variation, *Temptation*, newly arrived at the Pit. Opening at the Young Vic tonight (see listing) is the begetter of them all, *Doctor Faustus* by Marlowe (above) with Peter Guinness as the scholar and Stephen Jenn as his Mephistophilis. Breaking from the Young Vic tradition of modern dress, the production is set in Faustus' own period, balancing between the Middle Ages and the Renaissance.

★ **DOCTOR FAUSTUS:** See caption.
Young Vic Theatre, 66 The Cut SE1 (01-928 6363). Opens tonight 7pm, then Tues-Thurs 7.30pm, mats Wed, Thurs and Fri 2pm, £7.50.

☆ **EASY VIRTUE:** Attractive revival of Noel Coward 1926 with Jane How scandalizing her teenage husband's frightful county folks.
Garrick Theatre, Charing Cross Road WC2 (01-379 6107). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Fri 8.10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.30pm, mat Tues 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm, £7.50-£12.50.

☆ **A FAMILY AFFAIR:** Splendid Cheek by Jowl in town again with Ostrovsky's satire on the Russian merchant class of 1849.
Donmar Warehouse, 41 Earlham Street WC2 (01-379 6565). Tube: Covent Garden/Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, mats Thurs 2.30-5.15pm and Sat 3-5.45pm, £5-£9.

☆ **GOING WEST:** Emer Gillespie and Paul McCleary leave New York bound for California in new Tony Craze play.
Soho Poly, 16 Riding House Street W1 (01-636 9050). Tube: Oxford Circus. Mon-Sat 8pm, £2.75-£4.50.

☆ **NANA:** Shared Experience's vigorous production of Zola's tale of decadent abandon in *fin de siècle* Paris.
Mermaid Theatre, Puddle Dock EC4 (01-236 5568). Tube: Blackfriars. Mon-Fri 7.30-9.30pm, Sat 8-10pm, mats Wed 3pm-5pm and Sat 4.30-6.30pm, £6-£10.50.

☆ **SINNERS AND SAINTS:** New James *(Bet Noir)* Mundy comedy follows an innocent abroad in money-loving London.
Warehouse Theatre, 62 Dingwall Road, Croydon (01-680 4060). Train: East Croydon (BR). Opens tonight, 7pm, then Tues-Sat 8pm, mat Sun 5pm, £2.50-£5.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queens Theatre (01-734 1166)... ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036)... ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079)... ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951)... ★ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399)... ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9/0)... ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Savoy Theatre (01-836 8888)... ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171)... ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4)... ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909)... ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443)... ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244)... ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216)... ☆ **Serious Money:** Wyndhams Theatre (01-836 3028)... ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665)... ☆ **And Then There Were None:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122).

Violence viewed on canvas

"Mercenaries I, 1979" (above) by Leon Golub, a 66-year-old based in Chicago, is one of a series of this artist's pictures addressing military themes. Golub's paintings examine the mentality of wilful cruelty, violent interrogation and torture. His choice of subject is a conscious attempt to restore important current issues to prominence in art without resort to banal levels of sloganizing and agitprop. His pictures, all of which feature posturing gunslingers before a monochrome background, are not specific to any country or faction. Although each painting is based on a variety of newspaper and television images, some of which bear clues specific to events in Africa and South America, Golub has stated that his work applies to universal concepts of male sexuality, domination and aggression. Eight of Golub's massive paintings ("Mercenaries I is 10 ft x 14 ft) from the Mercenary and Interrogation series are included in an exhibition featuring four major artists whose work is represented in depth in the Saatchi Collection. The other artists are painter Philip Guston and sculptor Joel Shapiro, both Americans, and German painter Sigmar Polke. The exhibition starts today at the Saatchi Gallery, 98A Boundary Road, London NW8 (01-624 8299), Friday and Saturday only, 12 and 6pm, free, until September 30. *David Lee*

OUT OF TOWN

LEEDS: ☆ **Jane Eyre:** Wendy Nottingham and David Gwillim in intriguing new adaptation by Fay Weldon.
Playhouse, Calverly Street (0532 442111), Mon & Tues 8pm, Wed-Sat 7.30pm, £4.50-£6.

CONCERTS

☆ **NEW DAVIES:** With Robin Miller as solist, Sir Peter Maxell Davies conducts the Scottish Chamber Orchestra in the world première of his Oboe Concerto, preceding it with Haydn's *Scena di Berenice* (Lorna Anderson, soprano), following it with Haydn's Symphony No 99.
City Hall, Candleriggs, Glasgow (041-227 5511), 7.30pm, £3-£8.

☆ **ART ENDS:** On the Festival Hall's mighty organ Marie-Claire Alain plays the concluding part of Bach's *Die Kunst der Fuge*. This is part of "End Games," of course.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 6pm, £4.

☆ **VIVALDI/BATE:** The Vivaldi Concertante combines with the John Bate Choir and several solists for Mozart's Requiem, the orchestra having already played his Symphony K 425 "Linz" and Salieri's "Veneziana" Symphony. Joseph Pilbergy conducts.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 10671), 7.30pm, £3-£8.

☆ **NONSTOP DRUMMING:** The Nexus and Amadina percussion ensembles combine for the first complete London performance in 15 years of Steve Reich's *Drumming*. It's all part of "Percussion '88" and there will be *no* interval.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891), 7.45-9.15pm, £5-£7.50.

☆ **SOLEMN MASS:** Antal Dorati conducts the Brighton Festival Chorus, RPO and solists in Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis*, this being a contribution to "End Games." There will be *no* interval.
Royal Festival Hall, 7.30-8.50pm, £4-£20.

☆ **PINK SINGING:** Some out of the way items from the Pink Singers as under the baton of R C Hughill they sing Eisler's *Die Mutter*, Weill's *Zupotsdam unter dem Eichen* and Grainger's *Soldier, Soldier*.
Lauderdale House, Waterlow Park, London N6 (01-274 3600), 7.30pm, £4.

DANCE

☆ **COPPELIA:** Northern Ballet's production has traditional choreography but transfers the action to Lancashire.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916) 7.30-9.30pm £3.50-£15.

☆ **RHAPSODY IN BLUE:** Richard Alston's Gershwin ballet given by Rambert Dance Company.
Royal Northern College of Music, Oxford Street, Manchester (061-273 4504) 7.45-10pm, £6-£8.

JAZZ

☆ **DUSKO GOYKOVICH:** Backed by the Stan Tracey trio, the ex-Woody Herman trumpeter plays for two nights.
Bull's Head, 373 Lonsdale Road, London SW13 (01-876 5241) 8.30pm, £5.

☆ **FAST COLOUR:** Drummer John Stevens leads Harry Beckett and Dudu Pukwana in some arduous free-influenced improvisation.
Cambridge Modern Jazz Club, Flambards, Rose Crescent, Cambridge (info 0223 62550) 8pm, £5.

TOP FILMS AND VIDEOS

LONDON:

1	(1)	Three Men and a Baby
2	(3)	Broadcast News
3	(2)	Moonstruck
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5	(6)	The Last Emperor
6	(5)	Empire of the Sun
7	(—)	Flowers in the Attic
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9	(—)	Babette's Feast
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1	(1)	Beetlejuice
2	(-)	Casual Sex
3	(2)	Colors
4	(-)	Above the Law
5	(3)	Beloxy Blues
6	(4)	The Last Emperor
7	(-)	The Unholy
8	(6)	Moonstruck
9	(5)	Return to Snowy River
10	(-)	Bloodsport

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VIDEO RENTALS:

1	The Living Daylights
2	Dirty Dancing
3	Jumping Jack Flash
4	Angel Heart
5	The Fly

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ROCK

★ **RUSH:** Heavy Canadian techno-flashers with lots of fast widdley bits.
Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234) 7.30pm, £9-£10.

☆ **ZAPP/FORCE MDs:** Funky double bill with Zapp from Ohio, led by the redoubtable brothers Roger and Larry Troutman, and New York dance sensation, the Force MD's. Previously postponed.
Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (01-748 4081) 7.30pm, £7.50-£9.50.

OPERA

★ **THE KNOT GARDEN:** First night of Nicholas Hytner's new production of Tippett's psychological maze for the Royal Opera, with Sian Edwards conducting a strong young cast.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 8-10pm, £1-£27.50.

★ **COSI FAN TUTTE:** English National Opera's revival with Felicity Lott and Della Jones, conducted for the harpsichord by Graeme Jenkins.
Coliseum, St martin'a Lne, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7-10.10pm, £2-£21.50.

☆ **CARMEN:** Revival of Opera North's calculatedly squalid production with Cynthia Buchan in the title role.
Grand Theatre, Leeds (0532 459351). 7.15-10.30pm, £3.80-£17.80.

☆ **TOSCA:** Revival of Welsh National Opera's production with Suzanne Murphy in the title role.
Mayflower Theatre, Southampton (0703 229771), 7.15-10.30pm, £6.50-£20.

☆ **IL SERAGLIO:** Opera 80's small scale but effective travelling production, now conducted by Stephen Barlow.
Derngate, Northampton (0604 248111), 7.30-10.30pm, £3.50-£11.

GALLERIES

CONVERSATION PIECES: A show of novel designs in furniture, ceramics and glass.
Cirencester Workshops, Brewery Court, Cirencester (0285 61566). Mon-Sat 10-5.30pm, free, until June 11.

SOMETHING SOLID: Sculptures investigating the nature of art by Helen Chadwick, Rose Garrard and others.
Cornerhouse, 70 Oxford Street, Manchester (061-228 2463): Tues-Sun 12-8pm; free, until May 22.

THE STAFFA PROJECT: Works by painter Ian McKeever and photographer T J Cooper inspired by stays on the tiny Hebridean island.
Arnolfini, Narrow Quay, Bristol (0272 299191). Tues-Sat 10-7.30pm, Sun 10-7pm, free, until May 29.

JAMES GILLRAY (1756-1815): A collection of political cartoons and caricatures loaned by the *British Museum*.
Towneley Hall Art Gallery, Burnley (0282-24213), Mon-Fri, 1-5pm, Sun 1-5pm, free, until May 8.

THREE BRITISH PAINTERS: Abstract paintings by John Hoyland, Bert Irvin and Basil Beattie.
Northern Centre for Contemporary Art, 17 Grange Terrace, Stockton Road, Sunderland (091-514 1214), Tues-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-12.30pm and 1.30-4pm, free, until May 14.

MATTHEW SMITH (18879-1959): A selection of paintings from the 1920s onwards.
Bede Gallery, Springwell Park, Butchersbridge Road, Jarrow (091-489 1807), Tues-Fri 10-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until May 27.

FIVE PAINTERS OF TODAY: Works on paper by German women artists Abels, Gierke, Mauel, Vary and Wawrin.
Goethe-Institut, 50 Princes Gate, London SW7 (01-581 3344), Mon-Thurs 12-8pm, Fri 12-6pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until June 11.

WALKS

THE CITY OF WREN AND DR JOHNSON: meet Museum of LOndon, 2.30pm, £3 (also May 9).

BAWDY HOUSE TO OPERA HOUSE: meet Covent Garden tube, 7.15pm, £3 (also May 11).

JACK THE RIPPER'S VICTORIAN LONDON: meet Aldgate East tube, 11am, £2.50 (also May 4).

THE BURIED CITY — LONDON BENEATH THE STREETS: meet Blackfriars tube, 11.30am, £3 (also next Fri).

GHOSTS, GHOULS AND HAUNTED TAVERNS: meet St Paul's tube, 7pm, £3 (also next Fri).

GARDENS

AVON: The Manor House, Walton-in-Gordano, 2m NE of Clevedon; 4 acres, plantman's garden, trees, shrubs, herbaceous, bulbs and alpines; every Wed and Thurs to September 15, 10-4pm; Sun & Mon May 1, 2, 29, 30; August 28, 29, 2-6pm; 75p (Clevedon 872067).

DORSET: Old Rectory, Seaborough, 3m S of Crewkerne, off B3165, after derestriction sign 1st left, 1st right, after 2½m 2nd left in village: 2 acre garden, rare trees, flowering shrubs, Himalayan plants, bulbs, ferns. Sun May 1, 2-6pm, 50p. (Broadwindsor 68426).

HAMPSHIRE: Castletop, Castle Hill Lane, Burley, E of Ringwood, A31 to Picket Post, S to Burley; 8 acres, bulbs, rhododendrons, camellias, magnolias, and other shrubs, sun may 1 2-6pm; 50p.

OXFORDSHIRE: Westwell Manor, Westwell, 2m SW of Burford, just off A40; 6 acres, knot and water gardens, potager, shrub roses, herbaceous borders, topiary; Mon May 2, Sun July 24, 2-6.30pm, £1.

SUSSEX: West Dean Gardens, on A286, 5m N of Chichester, nr Weald and Downland Open Air Museum; 35 acres, fine trees and shrubs, informal gardens, wild garden, wall garden, herbaceous plants, daily 11-6pm, £1.25. Until Sept 30.

OTHER EVENTS

HARROGATE SPRING FLOWER SHOW: One of the most spectacular early shows in the country with competitions, displays, landscaped settings and horticultural societies.
Valley Gardens, Harrogate, Yorkshire, today 10-9pm tomorrow 9.30-5pm. Admission before 4pm £4.50, reduced charge after 4pm.

BOSTON DOLL AND TOYMAKERS CIRCLE: Last two days in which to see this exhibition of work by local craft workers.
Boston Guildhall Museum, South Street, Boston, Lincs, (0205 65954). Today, tomorrow 10-5pm. Admission adults 30p child free.

V & A FIFTIES GALA FILMS: Science fiction addicts can see Jack Arnold's *The Incredible Shrinking Man* today, F McLeod Wilcox's *Forbidden Planet* tomorrow.
The Apse Theatre, Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London, SW7. (01-589 6371). Today, tomorrow 3.30pm. Tickets free (limited to the first 60).

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

SOUTH BANK SUMMER ORGAN SHOW: Four Sunday afternoon organ recitals featuring Carlo Curley Playing Bach, Wagner and Mendelssohn; Adrian Lucas; Thomas Trotte; and Wayne Marshall. Series offer available. June-July.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). Advance booking open. General booking from May 3-4.

A CELEBRATION OF POETRY: Week of literary events anticipating arrival on South Bank of Arts Council National Poetry Library, with readings by Derek Walcott, Douglas Dunn and others. June 13-19.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01 928 8800). Advance booking open. General booking from May 3-4.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL ORCHESTRA: 88 Proms includes Tchaikovsky and Beethoven nights; appearances by Craig Sheppard, Julian Lloyd Webber, Owain Arwel Hughes, and Alexander Gibson. May 26-28.
Music Hall, Union Street, Aberdeen (0224 641122).

LAST CHANCE

THE COUNTRY WIFE: Final performances of William Wycherley restoration comedy. Ends tomorrow.
Everyman Theatre, Regent Street, Cheltenham, Glos. (0242 572573).

UNTITLED LANDSCAPES: Large colour photos by Susan Trangmar. Ends today.
Spitalfields Health Centre, 9-11 Brick Lane, London E1.

SHAFIQUE UDDIN: Last opportunity to join artist in residence making paintings relating to kathas in exhibition. Today, 2-3pm.
Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, London E1. (01 377 0107).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse; **Gardens:** Roy Hay.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 01-928 3191 CC (928 8800) Tonight 7.30 pm **RPO. Brighton Festival Chorus. Antal Dorati. Ruth Falcon. Jard Van Nes. Robert Tear. Stafford Dean. Beethoven Missa Solemnis**

EXHIBITIONS

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OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 Box Office Closed Monday 2 May **ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA.** Ton't 7.00 **Cosi Fan Tutte.** Tomor 7.30 **The Makropulos Case.**

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.

6.40 Friday Prayers for Ramadhan 1408 AH. The second of four programmes introduced by Prince Hassan bin Talal (r). **6.55 Weather.**

7.00 Breakfast Time with Jeremy Paxman and Sally Jones. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25. 8.55** Regional news and weather.

9.00 News and weather followed by **The Pink Panther Show.** Three cartoons (r). **9.20 Kilroy!** Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on cervical cancer. Among the guests is Gillian Shephard MP

10.00 News and weather followed by **Cartoon Triple Bill 10.25 Children's BBC.** Andy Crane with programme details and birthday greetings followed by **Play School** (r), and **Paddington** (r). **10.55 Five to Eleven.** Emma Thompson with a reading.

11.00 News and weather followed by **World Snooker.** The second session of the best-of-31 frames first semifinal, introduced by David Icke from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield. Includes news and weather at **12.00. 12.55** Regional news and weather.

1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather **1.30 Neighbours.** Helen tells Madge the real reason for her abrupt return from the United States.

1.50 World Snooker up-date.

2.15 Film: Champagne for Caesar (1950, b/w) starring Ronald Colman and Celeste Holm. Comedy about an eccentric genius who sets out to bankrupt a soap company through the quiz show it sponsors by winning the ever-doubling cash prizes. The company stoop to underhand means to keep the man off the air. Directed by Richard Whorf.

3.50 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon version **4.00 Caterpillar Trail.** Stuart Bradley with creepy crawly creatures **4.15 Paw Paws.** Episode four of a 17-part cartoon series **4.35 Knock Knock!** Game show presented by Steve Colman and Peter Simon

5.00 Newsround 5.05 Gentle Ben. The first of a new series of adventures about a boy with a pet bear. Starring Dennis Weaver and Clint Howard **5.35 Neighbours** (r).

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather. **6.35 London Plus.**

7.00 Wogan with Michael Douglas, Mel and Kim, Scritti Politti and the Moscow State Circus

7.40 Every Second Counts. Comedy quiz show presented by Paul Daniels.

8.15 Dynasty. Krystle demonstrates to Alexis that anything she can do Krystle can do better; Leslie's quest for power is strengthened by a trip to a graveyard; and Fallon takes an ill-advised trip to Africa in the company of Dex. (Ceefax)

9.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Social Democratic Party

9.10 News with Martyn Lewis and Moira Stuart. Regional news and weather

9.40 Thin Air. Episode four of the five-part thriller about a local radio reporter who uncovers illegal activities in the development of docklands. (Ceefax)

10.30 Film: Spacehunter — Adventures in the Forbidden Zone (1983) starring Peter Strauss, Molly Ringwald and Michael Ironside. Science fiction adventure about a bounty hunter's attempts to rescue a spacecraft downed on a plague-infested planet. Directed by Lamont Johnson. (Ceefax)

11.55 The Rockford Files. Jim investigates a multi-million dollar robbery (r).

12.45am Weather.

BBC2

6.55 Open University: Measuring Electrons and Atoms. Ends at **7.20. 9.00 Ceefax.**

9.30 Daytime on Two: Britain and the developing world **9.55** Moving from Scotland to Milton Keynes **10.15** Bodybuilding **10.38** Ice Age landscaping **11.00** A children's story **11.18** Mindstretchers — solutions **11.23 Ceefax 11.35** A profile of Cleveland, Ohio **12.00** The power of persuasion **12.35** A young man returns to his old school for the maladjusted **1.05** Basic German convesation **1.20** For the young **1.38** The first of a four-part children's story

2.00 News and weather followed by a series for the young **2.15 Weekend Outlook** (r).

2.20 World Snooker. News of the morning's play and live coverage of the second session of the second semifinal. Includes news and weather at **3.00** and **3.50**

5.20 Rainbow City. Highlights of the opening of the Glasgow Garden Festival.

6.00 World Snooker. Further coverage of the second semifinal.

6.50 Young Musician of the Year. The pianist, brass player, wind player and string player who have qualified for Sunday's concerto final.

7.30 On the House includes advice on repairing leaded lights.

8.00 Weekend. A guide to what to do and where to go this weekend in the south-east (see Variations for other regional programmes).

8.30 Gardeners' World visits the Nantmor, Gwynedd, garden of Angela and Hugh Mason.

9.00 World Snooker.

9.30 Review includes John Mortimer talking about his book *Summer's Lease*.

10.05 Secret Services: The Embalmers. The work of Alan Leigh and John Fulton.

10.45 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Social Democrat Party.

10.55 Newsnight includes an interview with brain implant pioneer Edward Hitchcock **11.40 Weather.**

11.45 World Snooker. Ends **1.05am.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with **The Sports Show** presented by Geoff Clark; **6.30 The Morning Show** with Richard Keys; **7.00 Good Morning Britain** introduced by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. After Nine includes Russell Grant's weekly astrology slot.

9.25 Thames news.

9.30 Cross Wits. Word game presented by Tom O'Connor **10.00 Santa Barbara 10.25** News headlines.

10.30 The Time. . .The Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on workaholics **11.10 Rainbow.** Learning with the help of puppets (r). **11.25** Thames news headlines

11.30 The Countryside in Question. Can wildlife conservation and modern farming exist in harmony? Eric Newby investigates

12.00 The Sullivans. Drama serial about an Australian family during the 1940s **12.30 Quandaries.** Quiz game with Matthew Kelly. The guest is Wincey Willis.

1.00 News at One with Julia Somerville **1.20 Thames news.**

1.30 Man in a Suitcase. McGill is hired by a wife to bring her wayward husband to heel (r). **2.30 9 to 5.** American comedy series about office life.

3.00 Take the High Road. Mrs Mack receives short shrift from Mr Murdoch **3.25 Thames news** headlines **3.30 Sons and Daughters.** Australian family drama serial

4.00 Revolting Animals with Peta Masters and Geraldine Griffiths **4.10 The Moomins** (r). **4.20 Scooby Doo.** Cartoon series **4.45 Splash** includes a report by 13-year-old Mark Widdowson on his campaign to stop the pollution of North Europe's lakes by acid rain.

5.15 Winner Takes All. Family quiz game presented by Geoffrey Wheeler.

5.45 News with Fiona Armstrong.

6.00 The 6 O'Clock Show introduced by Michael Aspel.

7.00 Through the Keyhole with David Frost. Willie Rushton, Claire Rayner and Chris Tarrant try to guess the identity of the owner of a house around which Loyd Grossman is the guide. (Oracle)

7.30 Watching. Another episode of the comedy love story starring Paul Bown, Liza Tarbuck and Emma Wray (r).

8.00 My Husband and I. Comedy series starring Mollie Sugden and William Moore as an advertising executive and her husband. This week Nora panics when she thinks the company is the target of a take-over bid. (Oracle)

8.30 Legwork. Private detective series set in New York.

9.25 Tales of the Unexpected: The Finger of Suspicion. An American lives with his Arab wife in the Middle East with his safe-breaking past long-forgotten — or so he thinks. (Oracle)

9.55 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Social Democratic Party

10.05 News with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes **10.35 LWT News** and weather

10.40 The London Progamme. The Underground comes under the microscope and the LRT chairman Sir Keith Bright is asked how he plans to cope with the increased demand and to alleviate customer frustration. Presented by Trevor Phillips.

11.10 Film: Blade Runner (1982) starring Harrison Ford and Daryl Hannah. Futuristic thriller about a universal detective on the trail of four invaders from another planet who are exact replicas of humans. Directed by Ridley Scott.

1.00 Night Network includes guests, Hothouse Flowers, Jackie, the new member of Bananarama and boxer Nigel Benn

4.00 Baseball '88. St Louis v New York Mets.

5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools.

12.00 Nature in Focus. Part three investigates fungi (r).

12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service presented by John Plender.

1.00 On Course. Weekly magazine series for Open College trainers, presented by Anna Ford.

2.00 The Parliament Programme.

2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket introduced by Brough Scott. The Ely Handicap (2.35); the Newmarket Stakes (3.05); the General Accident Jockey Club Stakes (3.40); and the Champagne Henriot Souverain Handicap (4.10).

4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner is challenged by Peter Pryer, a London solicitor.

5.00 Winners: On Loan. Drama about an adopted Vietnamese girl in Australia who is torn between her old and new parents when her father visits her from Thailand. Starring Marillac Johnston and directed by Geoff Bennett.

6.00 The Chart Show includes the new Prince video *Alphabet Street*.

7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Anne Perkins. Weather.

7.55 Book Choice. Travel writer Colin Thubron reviews Norman Lewis's *The Missionaries*.

8.00 1968 — Power to the Imagination. Part two begins at 11.45. (see Choice)

9.30 A Gardener's Guide. Part three of the 10-programme series for beginners provides an introduction to lilies.

10.00 Cheers. Sam is delighted to be invited back to Rebecca's apartment after work. (Oracle)

10.30 Friday Night Live. The final programme of the comedy and music series presented by Ben Elton. Among the guests is Dame Edna Everage

11.45 Power to the Imagination. Part two. (see Choice)

12.50am Film: Tell Me Lies (1967, colour and b/w) starring Glenda Jackson. An anti-Vietnam war film about a London couple trying to discover what they can do about the carnage on the other side of the world. Directed by Peter Brook. Ends at **2.55.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 **WALES: 5.35pm-6.00** Wales Today **6.35-7.00** News followed by Neighbours **10.30** Sportfolio **10.55** Film: Spacehunter — Adventures in the Forbidden Zone **12.20am** The Rockford Files **1.10** News and weather **SCOTLAND: 10.50am** Dotaman **11.00-12.55pm** News and weather followed by Rainbow City — The Glasgow Garden Festival 1988 **6.35** Reporting Scotland **6.55-7.00** A party Political Broadcast (Scottish National Party) **9.40** Rainbow City **10.30** Scottish Question Time **11.20** Thin Air **12.10am** The Rockford Files **12.55** Weather **NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35** Neighbours **6.55-7.00** News **ENGLAND: 6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

BBC2 **WALES: 8.00pm** Public Account **8.30-9.00** Gardening Together **SCOTLAND: 8.00pm-8.30** Natural Selection **11.45** Party Political Broadcast (Scottish National Party) **11.50** Snooker **NORTHERN IRELAND: 10.15am-10.38** Ceefax **8.00-8.30** Mastermind **ENGLAND: 8.00pm-8.30** Midlands: Boating Butler North: A Man of Substance North-east: A Particular Obsession South: Fly Navy South-west: Natural Concern West: West on Two — Rovers Return? North-west: **5.30pm-6.00** Sportsround **8.00-8.30** Song of the Seven Seas

ANGLIA As London except: **12.00-12.30pm** Look Who's Talking **1.20** News **1.30-3.00** Film: The Magnet' **6.00-7.00** About Anglia **11.20-1.00am** Film: Desert Rats'.

BORDER As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Film: Young Lovers' **3.15** Indoor Gardening **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Lookaround **6.25** Take The High Road **6.55-7.00** Party Political Broadcast **10.40** The Union and the League **11.10** Film: Hound of the Baskervilles **12.40am** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: **12.00** Home Cookery **12.05pm** Quandaries **12.35-1.00** Young Doctors **1.20** News **1.30-3.00** Film: All for Mary' **6.00-7.00** News **10.40** Central Weekend **12.00** Film: The Rose **2.25am** UK Top Ten **2.55** America's Top Ten **3.20** Europe's Top Ten **3.50** Meltdown **4.30-5.00** Other Side of Midnight.

CHANNEL As London except: **12.00** Write Stuff **12.30pm-1.00** All Our Yesterdays **1.20** News **1.30** The Treatment **2.00** Falcon Crest **3.00** Quandaries **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.30-7.00** That's Gardening! **10.40** Facing South **11.05-1.00am** Film: California Suite **4.00** Company. Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **12.00-12.30pm** Invitation to Remember **1.20** News **1.30** Film: Eye Witness **3.00-3.30** Who's the Boss? **6.00-7.00** North Tonight **10.40** Crossfire **11.40** Hammer House of Horror **12.40** Close

GRANADA As London except: **12.00-12.30pm** Dining In France **1.20-1.30** Granada Reports **2.00-3.00** Charlie's Angels **6.00** Granada Reports **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.30-7.00** ALF **10.40** A Strange and Deadly Occurence **12.05am** Other Side of Midnight **12.35** Film: The Choirboys **2.50** UK Top 10 **3.20** America's Top 10 **3.50** Europe's Top 10 **4.20** Rock Alive **4.50-5.00** Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except: **12.00-12.30pm** Prutts of Southampton **1.20** News **1.30-3.00** Film: Against a Crooked Sky **6.00-7.00** News **8.30-9.25** Murder, She Wrote **10.40** Good Neighbour Show **11.10** Your Say **11.25** Film: Key to Rebecca **1.20am** Kojak **2.20** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00pm-7.00** Wales At Six **10.40** Shelley **11.10** Film: Key to Rebecca **1.05am-2.05** Kojak.

SCOTTISH As London except: **12.00-12.30pm** Dining in France **1.30-3.30** Film: True as a Turtle' **6.00** Scotland Today **6.30** Take the High Road **6.55-7.00** Party Political Broadcast **10.40** Royal Opening of Glasgow's Garden Festival **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.05am** Other Side of Midnight **12.30** Film: The Choirboys **2.50** UK Top 10 **3.20** Jazz Special **3.50** Europe's Top 10 **4.20** WKRP in Cincinnati **4.50-5.00** Jobfinder.

TSW As London except: **12.00-12.30pm** Invitation to Remember **1.20** News **1.30-3.00** Film: Rocking Horse Winner' **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Today **6.45-7.00** Televiews **10.40** Film: First Deadly Sin **12.40** Meltdown **1.40** Close

TVS As London except: **12.00noon** Write Stuff **12.30pm-1.00** All Our Yesterdays **1.20** News **1.30** The Treatment **2.00** Falcon Crest **3.00** Quandaries **3.25-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.30-7.00** That's Gardening! **10.40** Facing South **11.10-1.00am** Film: California Suite **4.00** Close

TYNE TEES As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-3.00** Film: Masquerader **6.00** Northern Life **6.30-7.00** Extra Time **8.30-9.30** Murder, She Wrote **10.40** Film: The Greek Tycoon **12.40am** Three's Company **12.50-6.00** Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except: **1.20pm** Newstime **1.30-3.00** Film: Cuckoo in the Nest' **6.00** Six Tonight **6.30-7.00** Sportsbeat **10.40** Witness **10.45** Falcon Crest **11.40** Man from UNCLE **12.35am** Newstime, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **12.00-12.30pm** Mary **1.20** News **1.25** Help Yourself **1.30-3.00** Film: Ship That Died of Shame' **6.30-7.00** Sounds Good **8.30-9.25** Crazy Like a Fox **10.40** Film: Eagle's Wing **12.35am** The Party **1.35** Film: Beast in the Cellar **3.05** Jobfinder **4.05** Closedown.

S4C Starts: **9.30am** Schools **12.00** Countdown **12.30pm** Business Daily **1.00** Open College **2.00** Parliament Programme **2.30** Racing **4.20** Briwsion **4.35** Anturwyr Y Paith **5.00** Winners **6.00** Chart Show **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Jabas **8.00** Caryl **8.30** Carreg Ateb **8.55** Y Byd Ar Bedwar **9.40** Snwcer **10.10** Film: Shadey **12.15** World in Action **12.45am** Film: Tell Me Lies **2.55** Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts: **3.00pm** 'Live' at Three **4.00** Dempsey's Den **4.30** Happy Birthday **4.35** Cockleshell Bay **4.50** Newsline **5.15** Gemini Factor **5.45** News **6.00** Angelus **6.01** Newstime **6.30** All In Good Faith **7.00** Evening Extra **7.30** Room Outside **8.00** Matlock **9.00** News **9.30** Late Late Show **11.30** News **11.35** Film: Doing Life **1.25am** Closedown.

RTE 2 Starts: **5.05pm** Sons and Daughters **5.30** Get Smart **6.00** Film: Give My Regards to Broad Street **8.00** Nuacht **8.10** Cursai **8.40** QED **9.40** Paper Chase **10.35** Newsnight **10.55** Portraits **11.50** Closedown.

The spring of revolution

TELEVISION CHOICE

● Heralding a week of programmes to mark the 20th anniversary of the 1968 student uprisings, **Power to the Imagination** (Channel 4, 8.00pm and 11.45pm) recalls the main events of the year in Germany, Britain, Czechoslovakia and France and stages a discussion between writers and student leaders on what was achieved. The historical part is an assembly of contemporary film and television reports, drawn from many sources and viewpoints and presented without commentary. The catalyst for the year of upheavals may, as the programme suggests, have been the Vietnam war, but it hardly provided a common focus. In Germany, which saw the first significant student action, the targets were as much internal as international — the political coalition and the Axel Springer press. In France the events of May 1968 were triggered off by sociology students at Nanterre protesting about their syllabus. In Czechoslovakia the debate was about freedom of expression, not whether the Americans should get out of south-east Asia. Only in Britain did Vietnam hold centre stage, but again there were domestic concerns such as the immigration debate fuelled by Enoch Powell and his "rivers of blood" speech. France saw protest on the biggest scale, with huge demonstrations and a general strike. Yet the various factions — students, trade unions, Communists, socialists — could not agree. At one moment the Fifth Republic seemed on the verge of collapse. Then, suddenly, the revolution fizzled out and Parisians went off for the Whitsun holiday almost as if nothing had happened.

Daniel Cohn-Bendit is arrested during the student riots in Frankfurt in 1968 (Power to the Imagination: C4, 8.00pm)

Peter Waymark

Radio 1

MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see below)
5.30 Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Singled Out **7.00** Jeff Young's Dance Music Show **10.00-12.00** Friday Rock Show (Tommy Vance) VHF Stereo Radios 1 and 2 **4.00am** As Radio 1 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour
4.00 Colin Berry **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Anne Robinson **1.05** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Teddy Johnson's 78 Show **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Ronnie Smith **9.00** Nigel Ogden **10.00** The Golden Years (Alan Keith) **10.30** The Grumbleweeds **11.00** Angela Rippon (new series) **1.00** Bill Rennells presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST.
6.00 Newsdesk **6.30** Meridian **7.00** World News **7.09** 24 Hours **7.30** Write On . . . **7.45** Seven Seas **8.00** World News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Rhythms of the Sun **8.30** Music Now **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News **9.45** Cannery Row **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Juke Box Dury **10.15** Seven Seas **10.30** Londres Midi **11.00** World News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Talking From . . . **11.30** Meridian **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Europe's World **12.30** Business Matters **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** World News **1.09** 24 Hours **1.30** John Peel **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Nature Notebook **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** The Mormon Conquest **4.00** World News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** English by Radio **4.45** Londres Soir **5.30** German Newsreel **6.00** Programmes in German **7.00** Outlook **7.39** Stock Market Report **7.45** Personal View **8.00** World News **8.09** 24 Hours **8.30** Science in Action **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Europe's World **9.30** Business Matters **9.45** Behind the Wall **10.00** World News **10.09** The World Today **10.25** A Letter From Northern Ireland **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** From the Weeklies **11.30** Multitrack 3 **12.00** World News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Personal View **12.45** Recording of the Week **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **1.45** Nature Notebook **2.00** World News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** World News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** Six Four Eight News **3.35** Financial News **3.45** German News and Magazine **4.45** The World Today **5.00** World News, 24 Hours **5.30** Londres Matin

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on VHF

5.55 Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day

6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather

9.00 News

9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's guest is actor Michael Gambon (s) (r)

9.45 Feedback: Chris Dunkley airs viewers' comments about the BBC

10.00 News; International Assignment

10.30 Morning Story: The Gospel According to Gordon: by Mark Green. Read by Philip Rowland

10.45 Daily Service (s)

11.00 Inside the Enigma: The BBC has been reporting from Moscow for 25 years. Erik de Mauny, who was the first resident correspondent, returns to assess the changes in the political situation, and life under Gorbachov's rule (r)

11.47 Treasure Islands: The children's book programme. Actor Tony Robinson and Folklorist Jennifer Westwood discuss the importance of myths and legends to children, and review some recent versions

12.00 News; You and Yours with John Howard

12.25 The Food Programme with Derek Cooper reports on food co-ops **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Woman's Hour: From Belfast includes three writers, Jennifer Johnson, Lionel Shriver and Anne Devlin, talking about the problems in writing about Northern Ireland; and a feature on the redesigning of Divis — described as the worst housing estate in Western Europe. Plus Playing with Fire by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, read by Edward de Souza

3.00 News; Adam Bede: by George Eliot, dramatized in six parts by Alan England. With Terry Molloy, Sally Eldridge, Tim Brierley and Gillian Goodman (3) (s)

4.00 News

4.05 The Game Game: Nick Baker examines the British passion for games of all descriptions (2) The War Game (s)

4.35 Kaleidoscope (r)

5.00 PM: Presented by Gordon Gordon Clough and Frances Coverdale **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News, incl Financial Report

6.30 Freewheeling (new series): Barry Norman reports on the relaunch of D'Oyle Carte; a dog hotel with four-poster beds; and May Day events including trunkling round the Trysting Tree; plus he talks to actor Ray McAnally about his passion for snooker

7.00 News

7.05 The Archers

7.20 Pick of the Week: Margaret Howard presents her selection from the week's television and radio programmes (s)

8.20 Any Questions?: Jonathan Dimbleby with David Mellor MP, John Smith MP, John Ashworth, Vice-Chancellor of University of Salford, and Rosalind Miles, head of Centre for Women's Studies, Coventry Polytechnic. From Salford

9.05 Stop Press: Michael Elliott presents a personal review of the week's newspapers

9.30 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke

9.45 Kaleidoscope: Roger Hill believes that drama can enliven the community and give the younger generation confidence and social skills. He runs a project in Merseyside, involving 300 young people, some of whom talk about what the project means to them

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: God's Snake, by Irini Spanidou (5 of 10) **10.29** Weather

10.30 The World Tonight

11.00 Today in Parliament

11.15 The Financial World Tonight

11.30 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news with Bill Wallis, David Tate and Sally Grace (s)

12.00 News **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast

VHF as above except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools **11.00 and 11.20** Making Work **11.40** Fashion, Design and Marketing **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools. **1.55** Listening Corner **2.00 and 2.20** Running Your Office **2.40** The YTS Road **5.50-5.55** PM (continued)

Radio 3

Barrie Keeffe: the author of Frozen Assets (R3, 9.05pm)

6.55 Weather, News headlines

7.00 Morning Concert: Nicolai (Overture to The Merry Wives of Windsor: Vienna PO under Maazel); Tchaikovsky (Pezzo capriccioso Morceau de concert, Op 62): ECO under Geoffrey Simon, with Raphael Wallfisch, cello); Warlock (Capriol Suite: English String Orchestra under Boughton)

7.30 News

7.35 Palestrina (Motet Tu es Petrus: Choir of Kings College Cambridge under Cleobury); Quantz (Horn Concerto No 3 in E flat: Acadmey of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Iona Brown, with Barry Tuckwell); Beethoven (Andante favori: Claudio Arrau, piano); Bizet (Symphony in C: French National Radio Orchestra under Thomas Beecham)

8.30 News

8.35 Composers of the Week: Haydn. Symphony No 45 in F sharp minor, Franz Liszt CO under Rolla; Excerpts from Mass of St Nicholas, Augsburger Domsingknaben Residenz CO of Munich under Kammier; Symphony No 60 in C (The Absent-Minded Man): Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Marriner)

9.35 Mendelssohn: Daniel Adni, piano, performs Lieder ohne Worte; Book 8, Op 102; Variations in E flat, Op 82; Scherzo a capriccio in F sharp minor

10.10 Italian Choral Music: BBC Singers under John Poole perform Dallapiccola's Due Michelangelo corali (Set 1); Verdi's Pater noster; and Pizetti's Due composizioni corali (r)

10.40 Dohnanyi: Piano Quintet in C minor, Op 1, Takacs Quartet with Andras Schiff

11.15 BBC Welsh SO: Concert conducted by Owain Arwel Hughes. Shostakovich's Symphony No 1 in F minor, Op 10. **11.50** Douglas Reith reads from Peter Brook's *The Shifting Point: Forty Years of Theatrical Exploration 1946-1987* **11.55** Berlioz's Symphonie fantastique

1.00 News

1.05 Kontra Quartet: Three string quartets: Dvorak's in F, Op 96 (American); Poul Ruders's No 2 (1979). **1.50** Interval reading **1.55** Nielsen's No 4 in F, Op 44

2.30 Music from the Ballet: BBC Concert Orchestra under Ashley Lawrence perform Bliss's Checkmate (4 of 5)

3.30 Dreams and Strange Imaginings: Songs and music by Rebecca Clarke (1886-1979). Patricia Wright, soprano, Bradley Creswick, violin, and Kathron Sturrock, piano (r)

4.25 Prizewinners' Progress: Recital by former Young Musician of the Year section winners Michael Collins (clarinet) and Ian Brown (piano). Brahms's Soanta in E flat, Op 120 No 2; and Lovreglio's Fantasy on themes from Verdi's La traviata

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: presented by Graham Fawcett

6.30 The Piano Blues: 10-part series on the role of the piano in the blues presented by Francis Wilford-Smith (1) Ragtime and the Early Years. With music by Little Brother Montgomery, Cow Cow Davenport and Herve Duerson

7.00 News

7.05 Third Ear: (see Choice)

7.30 Divertimenti (Part 1): Live from Pebble Mill, Birmingham. With Nicholas Kraemer, harpsichord. Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 3 in G (BWV 1048); Boulez's Memoriale; and Gordon Crosse's Thel, Op 38

8.05 Recollections of Henry James: by Edith Wharton (r)

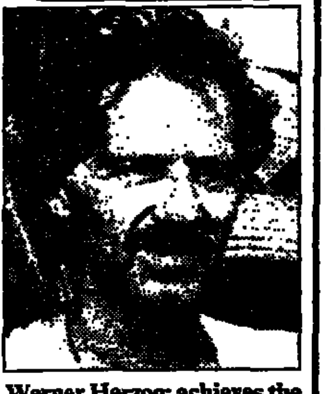
8.25 Divertimenti (Part 2): Schoenberg's Verklärte Nacht

9.05 Frozen Assets: Play by Barrie Keefe about a Borstal boy on the run. With Julian Firth, Judy Loe, Clive Mantle, Richard Durden and Harold Innocent (r)

11.00 Composers of the Week: Britten in America (r)

12.00 News **12.05am** Closedown

RADIO CHOICE



Werner Herzog: achieves the near-impossible (R3, 7.05pm)

● Werner Herzog, director of films about obsessive achievers of the near-impossible, (*Fitzcarraldo, Cobra Verde*, etc), himself achieves the near-impossible by nonplussing his interviewer, Christopher Cook, in **Third Ear** (Radio 3, 7.05pm). When Cook puts it to him that he could be accused of projecting a romantic view of Africa in *Cobra Verde*, Herzog comes back with "It's too easy a game to put me into that corner, and I will not be cornered there". Subject dropped. Similarly, when Cook starts putting it to him that he made things as difficult as possible for himself by shooting *Cobra Verde* in a tricky location like West Africa, Herzog stops him dead in his tracks with "I have to interrupt you there. This is a common mistake. I have to cope with difficulties, and I accept them". This subject, too, is dropped. Predictably, Cook asks Herzog why he persists in using the notoriously explosive Klaus Kinski as his leading man. Herzog, who admits to groaning "Not this pestilence again!" when Kinski was suggested for *Cobra Verde*, restores the balance in the actor's favour by saying that, for sheer intensity and rage, Kinski is "a miracle of this world".

Peter Davalle

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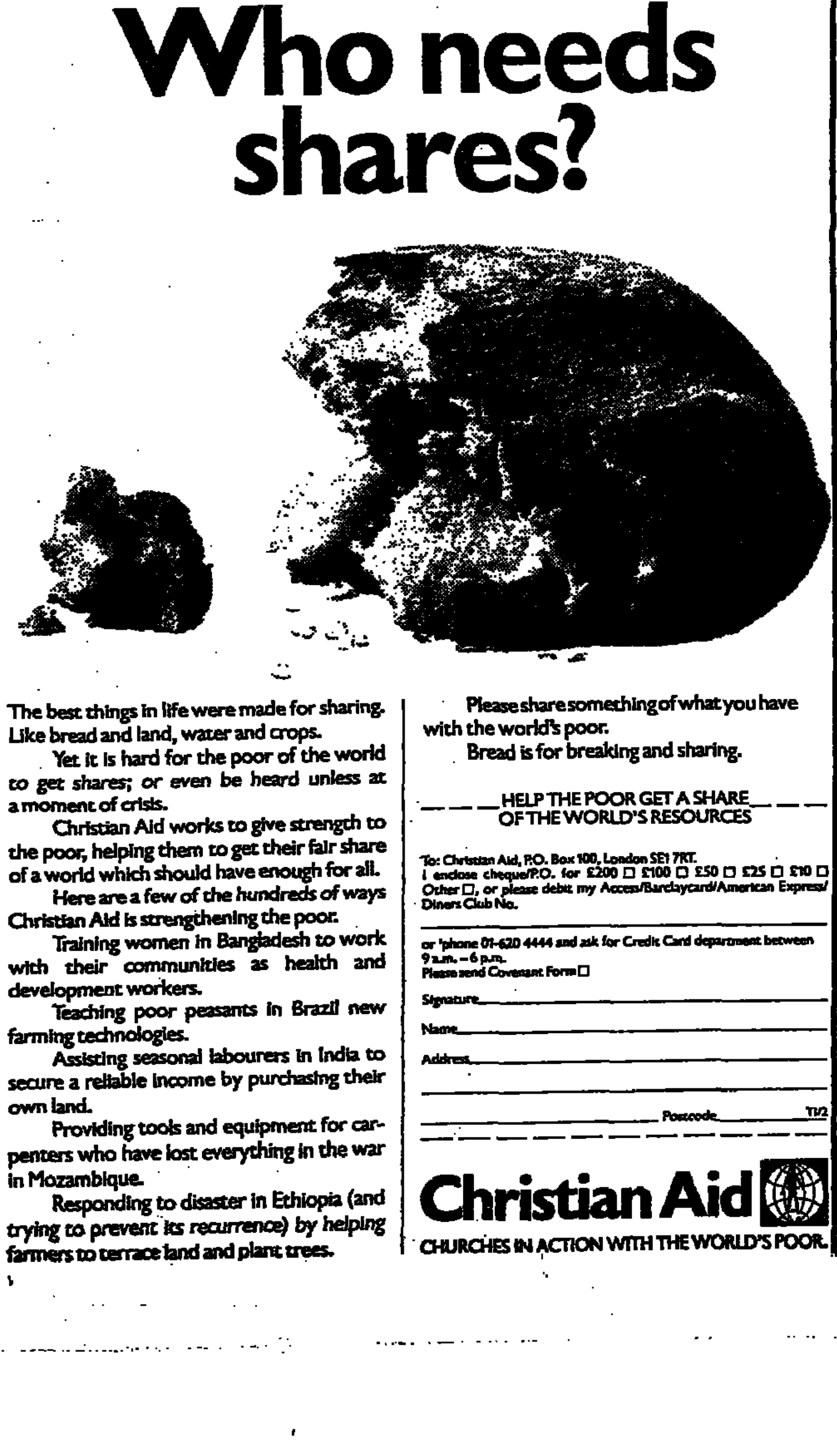

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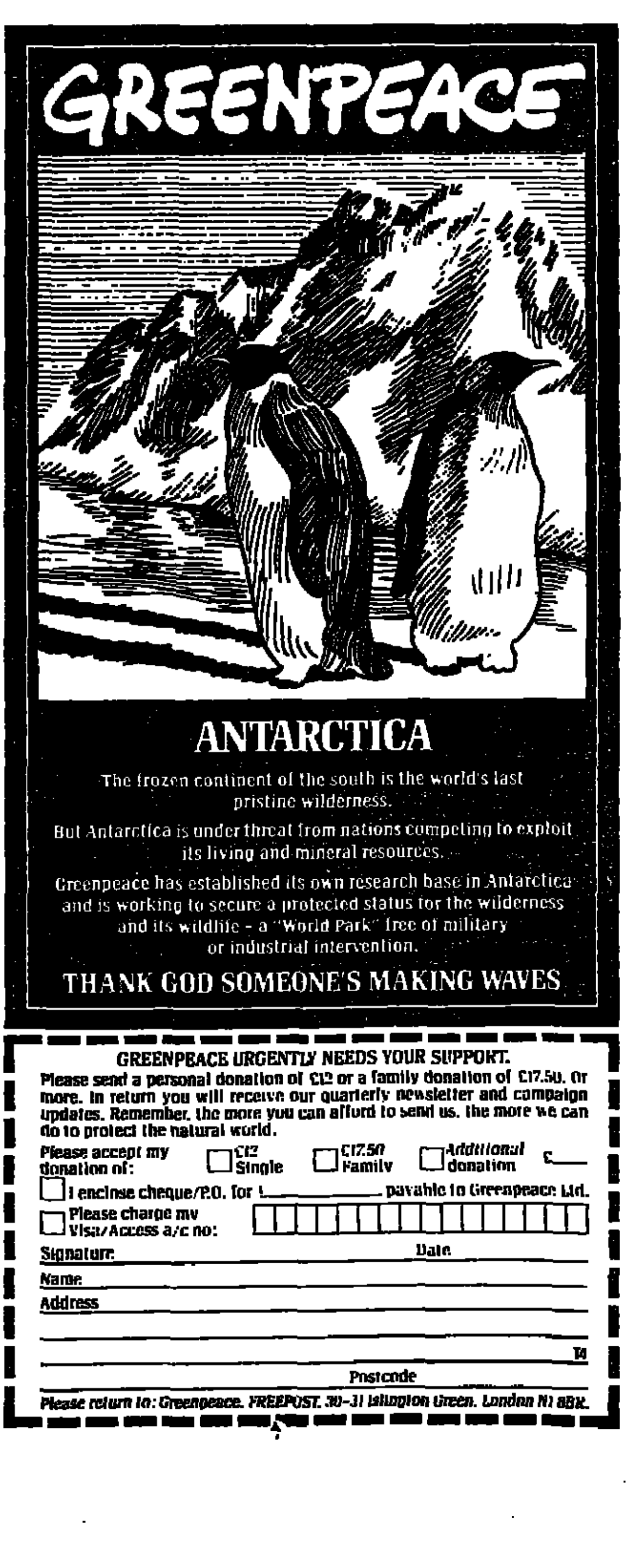

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Legal ethics beat the taxman

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advice become privileged. This judgement has decided this."

But he added that the long-term benefits of the ruling were less certain, because it was believed the Inland Revenue planned to include provisions in next year's Finance Bill allowing legal professional privilege to be overriden for the purposes of tax investigation.

"It is part of the increasing extension of the Inland Revenue's powers, which *The Times* has recently focused on," he said.

Both branches of the legal profession successfully lobbied against such a provision just before this year's Budget. But the ruling may fuel the Inland Revenue's efforts next year.

The Law Society welcomed the ruling yesterday. Mr Mal Cornwell-Kelly, deputy director, legal practice, said: "This is a welcome reaffirmation of the value of professional privilege and endorses our view that overrides of that privilege are not justified."

Mr Goldberg's success comes after several years of battling by the Revenue Special Office, which has been investigating the tax affairs of Mr Al-Atia, the owner of the documents.

Lord Justice Watkins, sitting with Mr Justice Kennedy, said the investigation concerned the alleged payment to Mr Al-Atia or his Panamanian companies of about $17 million (about £9 million) in commission on oil shipments from Abu Dhabi to America. Documentary evidence had been impossible to obtain, and Mr Al-Atia had denied receiving money taxable in this country, said the judge.

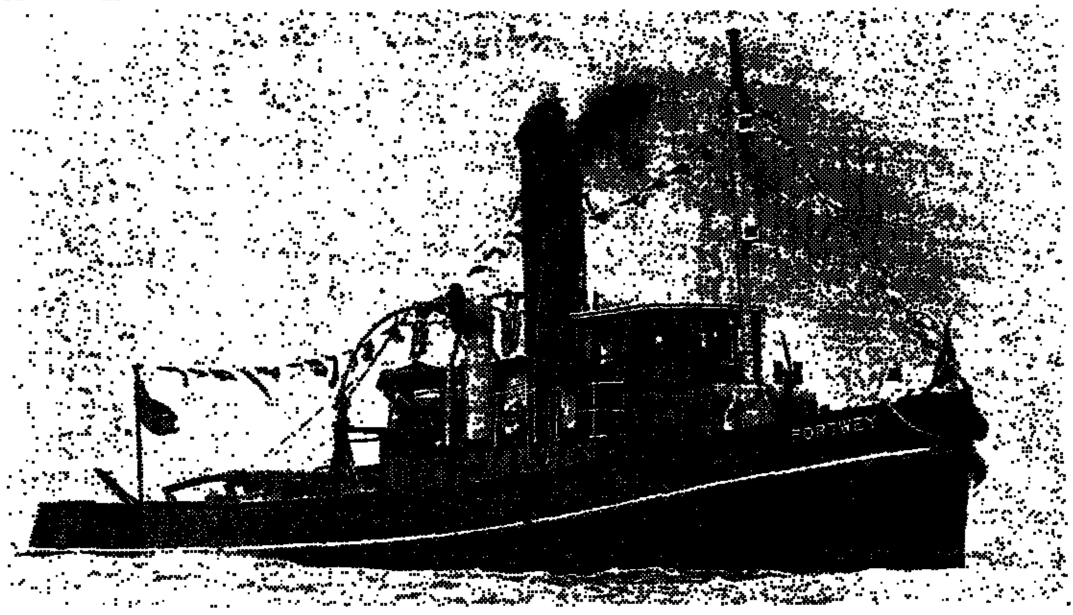
The Inland Revenue had been "frustrated at every turn" and finally decided to seek copies of documents made by Mr Al-Atia's American attorney, Mr Elwood Rickless, for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from Mr Goldberg.

Mr Goldberg was served with notices under the Taxes Management Act, 1970, requiring him to hand over the documents. He refused.

The judge said Section 2OB (8) of the 1970 Act stated that a barrister was not obliged to deliver or make available without his client's consent any document for which privilege could be claimed. The case raised the question whether the copy documents fell into that category.

Granting Mr Goldberg's application for a declaration in his favour, the judge said the documents had come into existence only for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from Mr Goldberg. "As the law stands we have no hesitation in saying that, because the documents came into existence for that purpose, they attract privilege so that Mr Goldberg cannot, without the consent of his client, comply with the requirements of the notice."

Power and glory of the steam tugboat



Mr Robin Currie, a steam tug engineer, showing off the impressive engine room, above, of the the steam tug Portwey, right, which was yesterday letting loose a victory hoot in celebration of its win in the marine category of the 1988 Steam Heritage Awards, presented at the North Woolwich Old Station Museum in London's Docklands. The Portwey, a twin-screw river tug built in 1927, is one of the oldest coal-fired tugs in the country still maintained and operating in steaming condition (Robin Young writes). Steam Heritage's £2,000 Premier Award for 1988 went to the Long Shop Museum in Leiston, Suffolk, which provides work for the long-term unemployed restoring and demonstrating steam engines and associated equipment. Steam Heritage was formed four years ago by British Coal, and the Solid Fuel Advisory Service, with other interested bodies. This year's six award winners were chosen from more than 50 projects on the theme of coal and steam. (Photographs: Nick Rogers)

Howe fails to halt TV documentary

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possible against a programme being shown in Britain which might prejudice an inquest being held abroad.

A spokesman said the programme would almost certainly be screened soon in Gibraltar. "Our concern was that nothing should be done which might prejudice the legal process in Gibraltar, not least one in which British servicemen are involved. What else would you expect the Government to do?"

The evidence given by the translator in the programme is also included in a separate sworn affidavit lodged with a lawyer in Gibraltar, who said last night he would be making copies of this and other affidavits available to the Felix Pizzarello, the coroner who is scheduled to open the inquest towards the end of June.

The lawyer said there was now further evidence which casts doubt on the official version of events.

It is understood that Ms Proetta, who has a flat in the tower block overlooking the petrol station where the shooting took place, is not presently in Gibraltar. She travels regularly, but her kitchen has a panoramic view of the area where the killings occured and it is understood she saw the events from there.

Certain assurances are expected to be given to the people of Gibraltar, possibly in the form of an indication from the provisional IRA that there will be no interference with the inquest.

Mr Eric Thistlethwaite, Gibraltar's Attorney General, appealed yesterday for witnesses of the incident to come forward with any evidence.

US offers new deal to Noriega

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

The United States is attempting to negotiate a new deal with General Manuel Noriega, Panama'a military dictator, under which he would remain in power for a few months before quitting under a face-saving formula.

In a sharp change of tactics, the Adminstration now appears willing to abandon its insistence that he go into exile. The White House said that the main objective was for him to leave power and that it would "prefer" him to live abroad.

Washington's readiness to offer significant compromises *amounts to a humiliating* acknowledgement that its attempt to topple General Noriega through economic pressure is becoming a failure.

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Seamen's move to beat sequestration

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43, was in Rotterdam when her home was attacked. Mr John Rice, her boyfriend, who was in the house at the time of the attack, said it so infuriated him he promptly rang P&O to say he would be returning to work.

"Gloria and I had been on the picket line until last week and she had helped to set up one of the soup kitchens, but we were finding the strike financially crippling", Mr Rice said.

Last night Mr Christopher Garnett, european director of Sealink, appealed to the NUS to tell its members taking action against the company to *return to work*. He said his company was not involved with the union's dispute with P&O and did not want to see the NUS assets sequestrated.

"We do not want confrontation. We are seeking a solution. We are not out to break the NUS", Mr Garnett said. "They are the people we have to work with and we do not want to take sanctions against our employees."

In Rotterdam yesterday one of the P&O ferries moved out of its berth for the first time since the dispute began. The Pride of Kent, one of five P&O ships tied up at the Dutch port edged slowly from its berth without prior notice during the morning.

It was thought to be heading for Dover but a short time later the Harbour Master's Office in Rotterdam said: "It is just being moved to another *place in the shipyard. We have* not been notified it is going to sail. The company is in any event required to give us an hour's notice of its intention to leave port."

Commons sketch

Smiles disappear as wrath descends

One of many oddities about Mr Paisley is the amount of smiling he gets up to. He smiles so much, and so energetically, that in a better world he might have been usefully employed in advertisements for leading brands of toothpaste, or perhaps as a Northern Irish Bisto Kid.

Another oddity concerns the speed with which his smile can turn into a scowl, and then back to a smile once more, without any of the conventional facial contortions or hesitations in between.

His visits to the Chamber of the House of Commons are rare, but he puts them to good use. He sits on the Tory benches beside the eerie figure of Mr Peter Robinson, who resembles a duller version of Mr John Cartwright. This makes Mr Robinson, in terms of dullness, really pretty dull.

While Mr Robinson sits upright, thin and expressionless, Mr Paisley spends much of his time lolloping on his corner seat, his legs outstretched, a chuckle playing on his lips, perusing his order paper. Sometimes he looks for all the world like Uncle Mac rejoicing in fond memories of the last Teddy Bears Picnic.

But kiddies on all sides of the House would be well advised not to offer this particular Uncle Mac a cookie. His large and sudden bites can often incorporate a hand or two. Then, munching on the hand, he will issue one of his red-faced and scornful chuckles, and the whole House will shudder to its very bones.

Questions to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland are a particular favourite of Mr Paisley. Over the years, he has shown a lively personal interest in the affairs of Northern Ireland, and he likes to seek a cheery word of advice from that nice Mr King whenever he can. Before he asks a question, he wipes the chuckle off his face, swallows any hands he might be chewing, leans forward in his seat and does his best to look fearsome. His best happens to be very good indeed. He then looms to his feet, his vast bulk casting a shadow over the Chamber, and that nice Mr King begins to look a little worried.

Yesterday, Mr Paisley wished to know whether Mr King agreed with the Prime Minister, who believed Mr Haughey had been out of order in his recent speech, or the Foreign Secretary, who believed he had spoken as a patriot. Mr Paisley's questions are notable, among other things, for their volume. They are delivered at a *pitch* more normally reserved for the issuing of warnings at sea, or the take-off of a Lunar Rocket.

That nice Mr King replied that he agreed with them both, and that he saw no contradiction between the two points of view.

"Of course you wouldn't!" boomed Mr Paisley from his corner, his face reddening, his scowl growing ever more carnivorous. But within a few seconds he was back to his old smiling self, exchanging giggles with *Mr Robinson* — a process similar, one might have thought, to exchanging giggles with one of the less outgoing inhabitants of The Chamber of Horrors.

When Mr Kevin McNamara, Shadow Minister for Northern Ireland, bumbled to his feet, Mr Paisley looked as cheery as *if* Mr Pastry had appeared, which, in a way, he had. Mr McNamara is a white-haired figure of increasing comic *potential*, always opening barn doors so that horses may bolt, forever cooking up objections way after each issue has passed. Having *failed to bat an eyelid* at the original announcement of the Gibraltar killings, he has recently taken to batting both eyelids with such vehemence that many wish to call for a doctor. Make way! Make way! A doctor is at hand! Alas, it is only Doctor Paisley, laughing his guts out at Mr McNamara's every protestation.

A minute or two later, the Doubled-Up Doctor chose to megaphone his way through *the ins and outs of* a recent murder, "a well organized inside job". Again, the red-faced scowl, and again, seconds later, the vulpine cackling. *Beside him*, Mr Robinson took to his feet. During Northern Ireland Questions, there always seems to be one of them up and one down. *The* two of them resemble nothing so much as a grotesque Swiss weather predictor, forever presaging gloom ahead.

Craig Brown

UDR to take a break

All 2,800 full-time soldiers in the Ulster Defence Regiment are to be given the chance of at least a week away from Northern *Ireland* in the next year.

They will broaden their skills and experience in mainland Britain or abroad, Brigadier Michael Bray, the UDR commander, disclosed yesterday.

Some could patrol the frontier with China in Hong Kong's New Territories or Belize's disputed border.

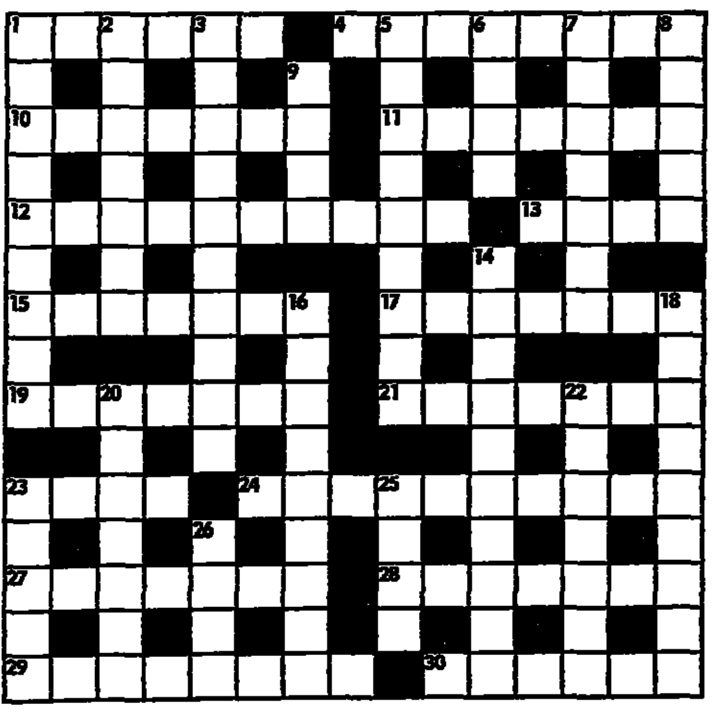
The scheme is intended to sustain morale for what is expected to be a long campaign ahead — and to increase the UDR's appeal to potential full-time recruits.

In a record unique in the British Army, the regiment has been on active operational service for 18 years.

Brigadier Bray said its permanent cadre (full-time members) did not have the variety and stimulation enjoyed by regulars of being posted to different places.

Unlike regular soldiers serving relatively short tours in Ulster, UDR members lived with the possibility of attack every hour of every day in their homes, at work and at recreation.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,656



ACROSS

1 Scottish philosopher without a name for being sympathetic (6).
4 After a period rabble is repulsed, *initially by an explosive device* (4,4).
10 Lack of authority to accept, for example, flowers (7).
11 Herb growing round wild ass's retreat (7).
12 Map soldiers employ to find a monastery (10).
13 Scandinavian drink Mickey introduced (4).
15 Rather forward for an undergraduate (7).
17 Exhausted, but ran — and died tragically (7).
19 "______the sinews, summon up the blood" (*Hen. V*) (7).
21 Strike-breakers around Burlington House are six-footers (7).
23 Bird making harsh sound (4).
24 Benevolent type throwing a coin in the water? (4-6).
27 For the French, good attempts at making drums (7).
28 Nimbleness of soldier in Italy on manoeuvres (7).
29 Shape not uncommon for a carriage (8).
30 *Lie-abed in Pistol's world?* (6).

DOWN

1 A form of restraint for workers embracing strike (9).
2 Mission in confusion, period! (7).
3 A strange thing, to change to work in unsocial hours (5-5).
5 Edmund II's warship (9).
6 At the end of the day it's equally balanced (4).
7 Cheering eggs it on, perhaps (7).
8 Fight in the battalion for the Colour (5).
9 Old court associated with Rochester? (4).
14 8's qualification to be a landscape gardener (10).
16 Policemen once on horseback, taking second place (7-2).
18 30 injured in capsized Russian warship (9).
20 Seventeen-year-old legally supported by a princess (7).
22 Unbeliever is at the assembly (7).
23 Puzzle about right vehicle for a conductor (5).
25 Idle, like many an awkward lout (4).
26 A Shakespearian fly-by-night? (4).

The Times Jumbo prize crossword will be published tomorrow

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

HERZOG
a. A type of warthog
b. A South African coin
c. A nobleman

ROSINANTE
a. An old hack
b. A flowering shrub
c. A type of lacquer

GOSSOON
a. The female gannet
b. A young man
c. A knitting stitch

SUCCUBUS
a. A female goblin
b. A genus of cactus
c. Pecuniary assistance

Answers on page 20, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,655

G	U	M	S	H	O	E	■	B	A	B	B	L	E	D
L	■	O	■	O	■	S	■	I	■	O	■	E	■	U
A	S	T	I	R	■	P	I	G	G	Y	B	A	C	K
Z	■	H	■	D	■	L	■	O	■	F	■	N	■	E
I	N	E	L	E	G	A	N	T	■	R	A	T	E	D
E	■	R	■	■	■	N	■	■	■	I	■	■	■	O
R	O	W	E	D	■	A	M	S	T	E	R	D	A	M
■	■	I	■	R	■	D	■	E	■	N	■	O	■	■
D	E	T	R	I	M	E	N	T	■	D	I	G	I	T
E	■	■	■	P	■	■	■	S	■	■	■	E	■	H
A	E	G	I	S	■	L	I	Q	U	I	D	A	T	E
D	■	R	■	T	■	E	■	U	■	N	■	T	■	A
P	H	E	N	O	M	E	N	A	■	A	U	D	I	T
A	■	E	■	N	■	R	■	R	■	N	■	O	■	R
N	U	N	N	E	R	Y	■	E	P	E	R	G	N	E

Concise crossword, page 13

WEATHER

Rain at first over south Wales, southern England and Northern Ireland will spread gradually north-east, becoming heavy and prolonged. Scotland will be much drier with sunny periods, but the eastern side will have occasional showers, especially over the far north-east. Most places will feel colder than yesterday, as winds freshen from the east. Outlook: More rain followed by sunshine and showers.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	15	59	c	Malaga	24	75	s
Akrotiri	26	79	f	Malta	21	70	s
Alex'dria	25	77	s	Melb'rne	21	70	f
Algiers	19	66	f	Mexico C*	28	82	s
Amst'dm	11	52	f	Miami*	33	91	c
Athens	20	68	s	Milan	17	63	c
Bahrain	27	81	s	Montreal*	9	48	f
Barbados*	30	86	c	Moscow	6	43	c
Barcelna	18	64	s	Naples	18	64	f
Bermuda*	26	79	f	N Delhi	37	99	s
Biarritz	14	57	f	N York*	19	66	s
Borde'x	16	61	c	Nice	21	70	f
B Aires*	14	57	s	Paris	14	57	f
Cairo	37	99	s	Peking	27	81	s
Cape Tn	21	70	s	Perth	27	81	c
C'blanca	19	66	s	Rhodes	22	72	s
Chicago*	4	39	r	Rio de J	27	81	s
Ch'church	10	50	c	Riyadh	31	88	s
Corfu	21	70	f	Rome	18	64	c
Dublin	9	48	c	S F'risco*	18	64	f
Dubrovnik	14	57	r	Santiago*	23	73	s
Faro	18	64	s	S Paulo*	23	73	c
Florence	18	64	f	Seoul	23	73	s
Frankfurt	9	48	r	Sing'por	33	91	f
Funchal	19	66	f	St'kholm	13	55	s
Geneva	11	52	c	Strasb'rg	12	54	c
Gibraltar	21	70	f	Sydney	18	64	r
Helsinki	11	52	c	Tangier	19	66	f
Hong K	28	82	f	Tel aviv	36	97	s
Innsbrck	15	59	f	Tenerife	21	70	s
Istanbul	14	57	f	Tokyo	22	72	s
Jeddah	36	97	s	Toronto*	7	45	c
Jo'burg*	18	64	s	Tunis	20	68	c
Karachi	33	91	s	Valencia	19	66	s
Le Tquet	11	52	f	Vanc'ver*	13	55	r
Lisbon	18	64	s	Venice	14	57	c
Locarno	18	64	c	Vienna	15	59	c
L Angels*	16	61	c	Warsaw	9	48	s
Luxembg	14	57	f	Wash'ton*	23	73	s
Madrid	15	59	s	Wel'nton	14	57	f
Majorca	19	66	s	Zurich	10	50	r

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.01	6.2	1.28	6.5
Aberdeen	12.46	3.6	12.46	3.7
Avonmouth	6.22	11.4	6.47	11.6
Belfast	10.24	3.1	10.50	2.9
Cardiff	6.07	10.6	6.32	10.8
Devonport	4.55	4.8	5.27	4.8
Dover	10.27	5.7	10.39	6.1
Falmouth	4.25	4.8	4.57	4.6
Glasgow	12.23	4.1	NOON	4.3
Harwich	11.20	3.6	11.30	3.6
Holyhead	9.44	5.0	10.05	5.0
Hull	5.48	6.4	5.52	6.6
Ilfracombe	5.17	8.0	5.40	8.1
Leith	1.50	4.8	2.07	4.9
Liverpool	10.36	8.4	10.57	8.5
Lowestoft	9.22	2.2	8.55	2.2
Margate	11.38	4.3	11.37	4.3
Milford Haven	5.31	6.1	5.54	6.2
Newquay	4.25	6.2	4.47	6.3
Oban	5.08	3.5	5.40	3.5
Penzance	3.58	4.8	4.28	4.8
Portland	5.48	1.7	6.41	1.8
Portsmouth	10.52	4.1	11.11	4.4
Shoreham	10.39	5.4	10.57	5.7
Southampton	10.22	4.0	10.44	4.2
Swansea	5.35	8.2	5.59	8.5
Tees	3.05	4.6	3.11	4.8
W'lton-on-Nze	11.16	3.8	11.24	3.8

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are BST

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	3.0	-	9	48	bright
Bridlington	3.1	-	9	48	bright
Hunstanton	4.7	.17	10	50	bright
Cromer	1.0	.15	9	48	rain
Lowestoft	1.0	.15	10	50	rain
Clacton	-	.06	10	50	dull
Southend	*	.02	11	52	hail
Margate	6.1	.06	10	50	sunny
Folkestone	4.8	.01	12	54	bright
Hastings	4.4	-	11	52	bright
Eastbourne	10.5	-	12	54	sunny
Brighton	8.3	-	11	52	sunny
Worthing	9.1	-	11	52	sunny
Bognor R	10.0	-	11	52	sunny
Southsea	6.3	.09	12	54	sunny
Sandown	10.0	.12	11	52	sunny
Bournemth	6.4	.04	12	54	sunny
Swanage	9.8	.01	11	52	sunny
Weymouth	9.6	-	12	54	sunny
Exmouth	10.2	-	11	52	sunny
Teignmouth	10.1	-	11	52	sunny
Torquay	7.1	-	11	52	sunny
Penzance	0.1	.14	10	50	rain
Scilly Isles	-	.39	11	52	rain
Minehead	10.1	-	11	52	sunny
Morecambe	1.5	-	11	52	cloudy
Douglas	*	-	10	50	sunny
Carlisle	8.9	-	11	52	sunny
Nottingham	3.5	.06	11	52	bright
Anglesey	2.4	-	10	50	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	2.8	-	11	52	cloudy
Tenby	8.8	-	11	52	sunny
Aberdeen	7.9	-	9	48	sunny
Aviemore	11.4	-	10	50	sunny
Eskdalemuir	6.0	-	9	48	bright
Lerwick	13.4	-	9	48	sunny
Prestwick	9.4	-	12	54	sunny
Stornoway	8.3	.01	11	52	sunny
Tiree	13.6	-	11	52	sunny
Wick	11.1	-	9	48	sunny

* Denotes figures not available

THE POUND

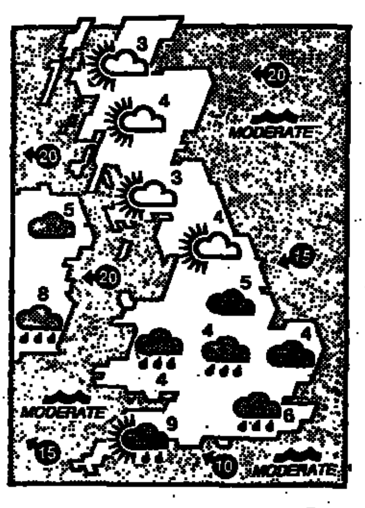
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.55	2.42
Austria Sch	22.80	21.70
Belgium Fr	68.20	64.80
Canada $	2.395	2.275
Denmark Kr	12.49	11.89
Finland Mkk	7.79	7.39
France Fr	11.01	10.46
Germany Dm	3.24	3.08
Greece Dr	263	243
Hong Kong $	15.10	14.35
Ireland Pt	1.217	1.157
Italy Lira	2400	2290
Japan Yen	243.50	231.50
Netherlands Gld	3.625	3.455
Norway Kr	11.97	11.37
Portugal Esc	263.75	250.75
South Africa Rd	4.70	4.20
Spain Pta	213.75	202.75
Sweden Kr	11.39	10.84
Switzerland Fr	2.688	2.558
USA $	1.95	1.86
Yugoslavia Dnr	3270	2670

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

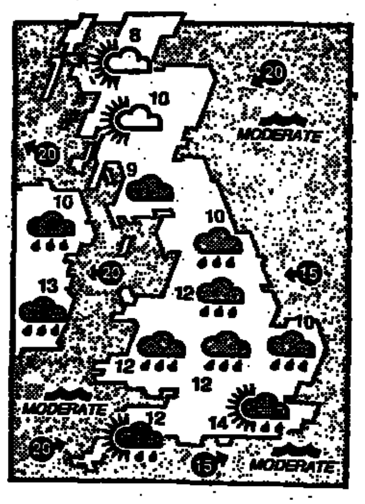
Retail Price Index: 104.1 (March)

London: The *FT* Index closed down 4.2 at 1444.7.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 8.51 pm to 5.04 am
Bristol 9.00 pm to 5.14 am
Edinburgh 9.18 pm to 5.01 am
Manchester 9.06 pm to 5.06 am
Penzance 9.08 pm to 5.30 am

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.2hr.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	9	48	c	Guernsey	11	52	f
B'rmgham	8	46	c	Inverness	9	48	f
Blackpool	10	50	c	Jersey	14	57	f
Bristol	8	46	c	London	9	48	c
Cardiff	12	54	c	M'nchster	10	50	c
Edinburgh	8	46	c	Newcastle	9	48	f
Glasgow	9	48	f	R'ldsway	9	48	s

LONDON

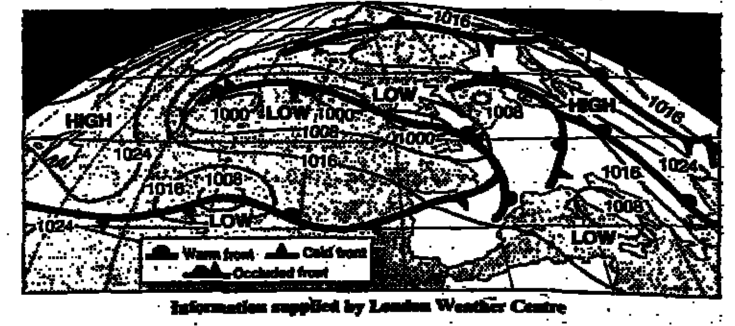
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13C (55F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 6C (43F). Humidity: 6 pm, 60 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.02in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.1hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1014.4 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Mumbles, West Glamorgan, and Poole, Dorset 15C (59F); lowest day max: Binbrook, Lincolnshire, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Wittering, Cambridgeshire, and Birmingham, 0.76in; highest sunshine: Kinloss, Grampian, 12.8hr.

Sun rises: 5.36 am
Sun sets: 8.21 pm
Moon sets 4.33 am
Moon rises 5.46 pm
Full Moon May 2

NOON TODAY



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PART 2

FRIDAY APRIL 29 1988

THE TIMES

Executive Editor
David Brewerton

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1444.7 (-4.2)

FT-SE 100
1804.4 (-2.3)

Bargains
27629 (28684)

USM (Datastream)
151.19 (+0.46)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.8760 (same)

W German mark
3.1301 (-0.0131)

Trade-weighted
78.0 (-0.2)

13,000 link up with Stockwatch

Applications for membership of *Stockwatch*, the computerized telephone share price service launched jointly by *The Times* and Citycall, continue to run at more than 1,000 a day.

To date *Stockwatch*, which this week became the first service of its kind to offer a full coverage of the unit trust and bonds market, as well as share prices, has attracted nearly 13,000 members.

The introduction of 7,000 unit trust and bond prices lifts the total number of prices available through *Stockwatch* to more than 11,000, and makes it easily the most comprehensive service available.

Information on *Stockwatch*, and an application form and details of a free membership offer to readers of *The Times*, appear on page 24. And readers can hear a free demonstration of the service simply be telephoning 0898 141 142.

New offer ends trusts' battle

Throgmorton Trust last night ended its long battle with Framlington, the unit trust group, and announced agreement on a higher offer, worth £70 million. The increased *offer values Framlington* shares at 200p each. Throgmorton has received acceptances from holders of 56 per cent of Framlington.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2044.43 (-3.48)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	27434.12 (+242.15)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2588.14 (-3.88)
Amsterdam: Gen	249.2 (-1.0)
Sydney: AO	1449.8 (+6.5)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1367.5 (+5.0)
Brussels:	
General	4669.1 (+5.7)
Paris: CAC	312.0 (same)
Zurich: SKA Gen	449.8 (-2.0)
London:	
FT.-A All-Share	929.28 (+0.09)
FT.-"500"	1022.47 (-0.66)
FT. Gold Mines	211.1 (+1.7)
FT. Fixed interest	96.92 (-0.13)
FT. Govt Secs	89.70 (-0.33)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
UK Land	662½p (+65p)
Highland Distl	113½p (+8p)
DAKS Simpson 'A'	505p (+65p)
Royal Insurance	426p (+12p)
Vibroplant	702½p (+10p)
Cable & Wireless	343½p (+12p)
Racal Electronics	319p (+72½p)
STC	258p (+13p)
Courtaulds	383½p (+10½p)
SPP	154½p (+32p)
Securicor	325p (+55p)
VSEL	532½p (+64p)
FALLS:	
Rowntree	911½p (-14p)
Cadbury Schwp	349p (-13p)
Br Commonwealth	270½p (-13p)
NMW Computers	70p (-10p)
Arlen	135p (-10p)
M J Gleeson	480p (-10p)
ICI	976½p (-16p)
Coats Viyella	242½p (-8p)
Closing prices	

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 8%
3-month Interbank $8\frac{7}{16}$-$8\frac{5}{16}$%
3-month eligible bills: 8-$7\frac{15}{16}$%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds $7\frac{1}{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.89-5.87%*
30-year bonds 97⅞-$97\frac{15}{16}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.8760	£: $1.8710*
£: DM3.1301	$: DM1.6690*
£: SwFr2.5964	$: SwFr1.3845*
£: FFr10.6257	$: FFr5.6685*
£: Yen233.47	$: Yen124.57*
£: Index:78.0	$: Index:92.4
ECU £0.661590	SDR £0.736855

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $452.15 pm-$452.10
close $451.25-451.75 (£240.75-241.25)
New York:
Comex $451.50-452.00*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (June) pm $17.10bbl ($17.46)
* Denotes latest trading price

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Racal plans flotation of Vodafone

By Joe Joseph

Racal Electronics is planning to float off Racal Telecommunications, including its fast-growing Vodafone cellular telephone operator, as a separate public company, probably within three to five months.

Speculation that the decision was a rushed defensive move designed to thwart a hovering predator sent Racal's share price soaring 72p to 318p last night, after 65 million shares changed hands.

Racal says the aim is to unleash the full benefits of the highly rated cellular telephone industry. Racal believes Vodafone's glossy prospects are not fully reflected in Racal's — until recently — sleepy share price.

The decision to sell, in principle, a minority stake in the Vodafone empire was taken at a board meeting yesterday morning, after what Racal says was months of *deliberation. The subsequent* announcement was made to try to prevent Racal's share price being jostled by speculation as the plans progressed.

But the market is dizzy with speculation that Racal is being *stalked by an unwelcome* predator, after evidence that as much as 20 per cent of the company's shares may have changed hands over the past three weeks. Many analysts see the brief and vague statement by Racal yesterday as a hasty effort to deter a possible suitor.

Cable and Wireless, GEC and Siemens of West Germany were three of the leading names being mentioned as *possible bidders, with* Siemens ranked as perhaps the most likely. Analysts feel C&W has enough on its plate, *and that GEC would be unwilling* to dig deep enough into its pockets.

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But they say Siemens has the will and the financial muscle to swallow Racal, and talk persisted last night that a *450p-a-share bid was possible* from the cash-rich West German group.

But Mr Kenneth Ward, a Racal spokesman, said: "We have not had one scrap of hard evidence to support the recent market rumours. *We've not* been approached by anyone. We've had no discussions with anyone."

Denying that the announcement was hastily cobbled together amid fears about the *implications of Racal's* strengthening share price, Mr Ward added: "This plan has been moving forward for 15 months. Over the next few weeks we, with the help of Goldman Sachs, will be valuing *the telecommunications* group and preparing the company for flotation."

He said a flotation would help Racal's plans to gain a firm footing in the pan-European mobile telephone system *that is being developed.*

Analysts are suggesting that Racal could reap £500 million to £600 million from selling a minority stake in the new company to the public.

The trigger for the sale appears to have been pulled by an enthusiastic 53-page report by Goldman Sachs, the American investment bank, valuing Vodafone at $3.36 billion (£1.79 billion). The heady ratings multiple of 40 *times reflects the esteem in* which cellular radio companies are held in America.

Racal says the fact that yesterday morning, before its share price took off, the whole company was valued at about £1.5 billion underlines that it may not be realizing the full potential of its assets.

Vodafone, the world's largest single cellular network, enjoys 55 per cent of the British market, has more than *160,000 subscribers* and is understood to be signing up new ones at a rate of 2,000 a week.

B&C sets aside £45m for losses on US investment

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Mr John Gunn's British & Commonwealth has provided for losses totalling nearly £45 million on a $60 million investment in Kaines, the US commodity trader.

Losses of $20 million were taken against investment profits in the first half of the year. Thereafter B&C took full control of Kaines in order to give it backing without investing more money. Since then, *Kaines's operations have been* run down sharply and B&C has now taken additional losses of £30.7 million as an extraordinary item.

Mr Gunn believes the losses in Kaines contracts have been *fully allowed for and the* whole operation has been wound down.

British & Commonwealth profits none the less surged by 154 per cent to £130.9 million in 1987, a year in which, Mr Gunn, now chairman, says: "The management of the group, the sources of turnover and profit, and the shareholding structure have all changed almost beyond recognition".

That figure is struck after charging £14.6 million against profits to amortize goodwill. B&C has capitalized the cost over net tangible assets when it has bought financial services businesses and by the end of 1987 had accumulated £750 million of goodwill in its balance sheet, dwarfing the net tangible assets of about £450 million.

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B&C is writing this off over 25 years to comply with the new requirements of statement of standard accounting practice (number 22). But it is doing so under strong protest.

He thinks the standard is mistaken and can distort the true picture of trading results. Ignoring goodwill items such as the value of brand names can also lead to the undervaluation of a business such as Rowntree, making it more vulnerable to a takeover bid.

Taxation took 38.7 per cent of pretax profits, compared with 36.7 per cent in 1986 because the amortization of goodwill is not allowable against corporation tax.

Earnings per share are up from 14.8p to 22.5p amortizing goodwill, but only to 18.1p after the goodwill charge. The annual dividend has been *raised by a third to 8p per* share.

B&C shares fell 11p to 272p on the profit announcement, which was slightly below earlier market forecasts.

Bricomin, the group's original trading arm, made £30.5 million (£27.2 million) but negotiations are on for a sale to management. The company also hopes that after the failure of Quadrex's £280 *million* purchase of the former Mercantile House wholesale broking businesses, a new sale will be arranged within about two months.

More Rowntree shares bought

Suchard nears 20% holding

By Cliff Feltham

Jacobs Suchard, the Swiss chocolate group, has bought more shares in Rowntree — to lift its stake to within a *whisker of 20 per cent.*

The Swiss group has been steadily adding to its holding in Rowntree since its rival, Nestlé, launched a £2.1 billion takeover bid on Tuesday.

Nestlé, which is prevented from paying more than the 890p cash offer on the table, has been forced to wait on the *sidelines as Suchard has* continued its buying spree.

Suchard last night admitted that it had picked up a further 5.8 million shares at 925p, to take its stake to 18.7 per cent at the close of business on Wednesday. Further buying yesterday has almost certainly boosted this total to about 20 per cent.

Suchard triggered off the battle for Rowntree when it made a dawn raid two weeks ago, acquiring 14.9 per cent at prices of up to 630p a share.

Suchard has abandoned the self-imposed restriction not to go above 25 per cent or make a *full bid itself because of* Nestlé's hostile takeover and is now effectively free to continue buying until it has 29.9 per cent.

Nestlé is sitting on a 6.5 per cent holding in the York-based manufacturer of confectionery.

Market observers continue to believe that Suchard is unwilling to lock horns in what would be a fiercely contested battle with its much larger competitor, Nestlé.

But Suchard, by building up its holding in Rowntree, will eventually sell out to Nestlé — or another bidder if one arrives on the scene — and *make a handsome profit on* the deal, some analysts believe.

Rowntree shares closed 14p lower last night at 912p.

Volcker lends weight to ICI board

By David Smith

ICI may not have caused too many surprises with its first-quarter results, out yesterday, but it was able to lay on an interesting line in new appointments.

Volcker: 'considerable coup'

Mr Paul Volcker, the former chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board, is to join as a non-executive director for about £20,000 a year, plus expenses. Britain's biggest industrial company will have America's biggest central banker, in terms of both physique and influence, on the board.

ICI regards the appointment, made as a result of some deft headhunting by Mr John Clements, the finance director and a long-time acquaintance of the former Fed chief, as a considerable coup.

Mr Volcker left the Fed last summer after eight years as chairman. He told a congressional committee that he gave up the job because he stopped smoking the cheap cigars which, along with his 6ft 7in height, were his trademark. "I gave up the cigar, and I found myself incapable of doing the job any more," he said.

In reality, Mr Volcker, aged 60, *left the Fed* partly to build up some savings for his retirement years, and partly because dealing with the Reagan appointees on the Federal Reserve Board became tiresome.

At the Fed, Mr Volcker had a sign on his desk which read: "My take-home pay won't take me home." Since returning to the private sector, after *30 years in public service*, he has begun to make up for this.

While eschewing the chance to make a fast buck with one of the big Wall Street firms, he has, among other appointments, become chairman of the specialist investment bank James D Wolfensohn Inc, and a part-time professor of international economic policy at Princeton.

"I *am delighted to be joining* a major international company which also occupies a significant place in US manufacturing," he said yesterday.

Profit up despite currency loss

ICI increased pretax profits in the first quarter of 1988 from *£334 million to £358 million* despite currency losses of at least £30 million. Strong demand for most of the group's products supported the advance and these trading conditions have continued into the second quarter.

The group sounded a note of warning over the effects of a strong pound on the translation of its overseas earnings.

The sterling average exchange rate was 19 per cent higher against the dollar in the *first quarter of 1988* compared to the first quarter of 1987.

The market was hit earlier in the day by fears of a rights issue from ICI which proved unfounded.

With a gearing level at *about* 40 per cent of shareholders' funds, ICI has continued to deny that it intends to raise additional capital.

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Solid half-time results help sweeten takeover

Smiles of success: (left) Neil Shaw, chairman, and James Kerr Muir of Tate & Lyle yesterday (Photograph: Alan Weller)

T&L lifts Staley bid to $1.4bn

By Michael Tate

Tate & Lyle has raised its takeover bid for Staley Continental, the Illinois corn re*finer, to $1.4 billion (£746* million), and yesterday supported its move with a penny-a-share sweetener on the interim dividend and a solid half time profits increase of £3.6 million.

The new offer, up from $32 a share to $35, brought no immediate reponse from the Staley board, which had rejected the first bid and has effectively put the company up for auction. T&L's tender offer expires on May 10.

The increase reflects the strong interest being shown in the parts of Staley that T&L has indicated that it does not *want — notably the CFS* Continental food distribution business.

Analysts have estimated CFS's worth at something over $500 million, but it is beginning to look as if T&L believes it could fetch substantially more. "The higher bid will not increase our net cost at all," said Mr Neil Shaw, the Tate & Lyle chairman.

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Mr Shaw already claims the support of the leading Illinois politicians and the Staley workforce. Staley has serious *management problems*, he said.

T&L's results for the half-year to end-March were up to expectations, with pretax profits up from £40.2 million to £43.8 million. A lower tax charge helped lift earnings from 30.3p to 35.2p, and the interim dividend is raised from 9p to 10p.

British sugar profits more than doubled, from £3 million to £8.8 million, but Canada's improvement was dissolved by the weakness of the dollar, to leave the trading profits down from £6.8 million to £4.9 million, while in the difficult US market the currency factor worsened a poor performance, clipping profits from £5 million to £3.4 million.

Group processing and trading profits edged lower to £8.8 million, while the service businesses dipped from £7.2 million to £5.7 million. But the automotive and industrial operations overcame the dollar's weakness to make £6.1 million, against £5.1 million.

US bank bid agreed by Royal

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

The Royal Bank of Scotland yesterday revealed that it was paying $440 million (£234 million) for Citizens Financial Group, the Rhode Island bank with which it has been negotiating a takeover for more than a month.

Under the agreed terms of the takeover, the Royal Bank will pay $30.50 per ordinary share for Citizens, representing a price/earnings ratio of 16.9 times.

The terms of the deal were widely welcomed in the City. Mr John Aitken, banking analyst for County NatWest WoodMac, said: "The stock market had anticipated the worst about a Royal Bank deal in the US, but this is considerably better than expected." There was also approval for the Royal Bank's plan to pay for the purchase with dollar loan finance.

The details of the purchase also include an option for the Royal Bank to subscribe for up to 24.9 per cent of Citizens common stock at $25.50 a share.

Citizens is an East Coast retail and corporate bank which produced pretax profits of $10.7 million in the first three months of this year.

Oil export cuts facing opposition

From A Correspondent, Vienna

A proposal to cut oil exports by 5 per cent seemed likely to run into opposition last night from key members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

The plan, by non-Opec producers, for both groups to cut exports over the next two months was being discussed by Opec late last night.

But while co-operation between both sets of producers was welcomed, several Opec members have claimed they have cut far enough.

Kuwait and Saudi Arabia have indicated they will not allow their market shares to *evaporate while some fellow* Opec members — including Iraq — illegally discounted prices, or overproduced.

Mr Hussein Kazempour Ardebili, the Iranian deputy oil minister, said Iran welcomed the proposal and would try to help push it through.

Iran has called for a return to the official $18 a barrel level.

But King Fahd of Saudi Arabia has called for better Opec vigilance in maintaining its current production quotas rather than further cuts in output.

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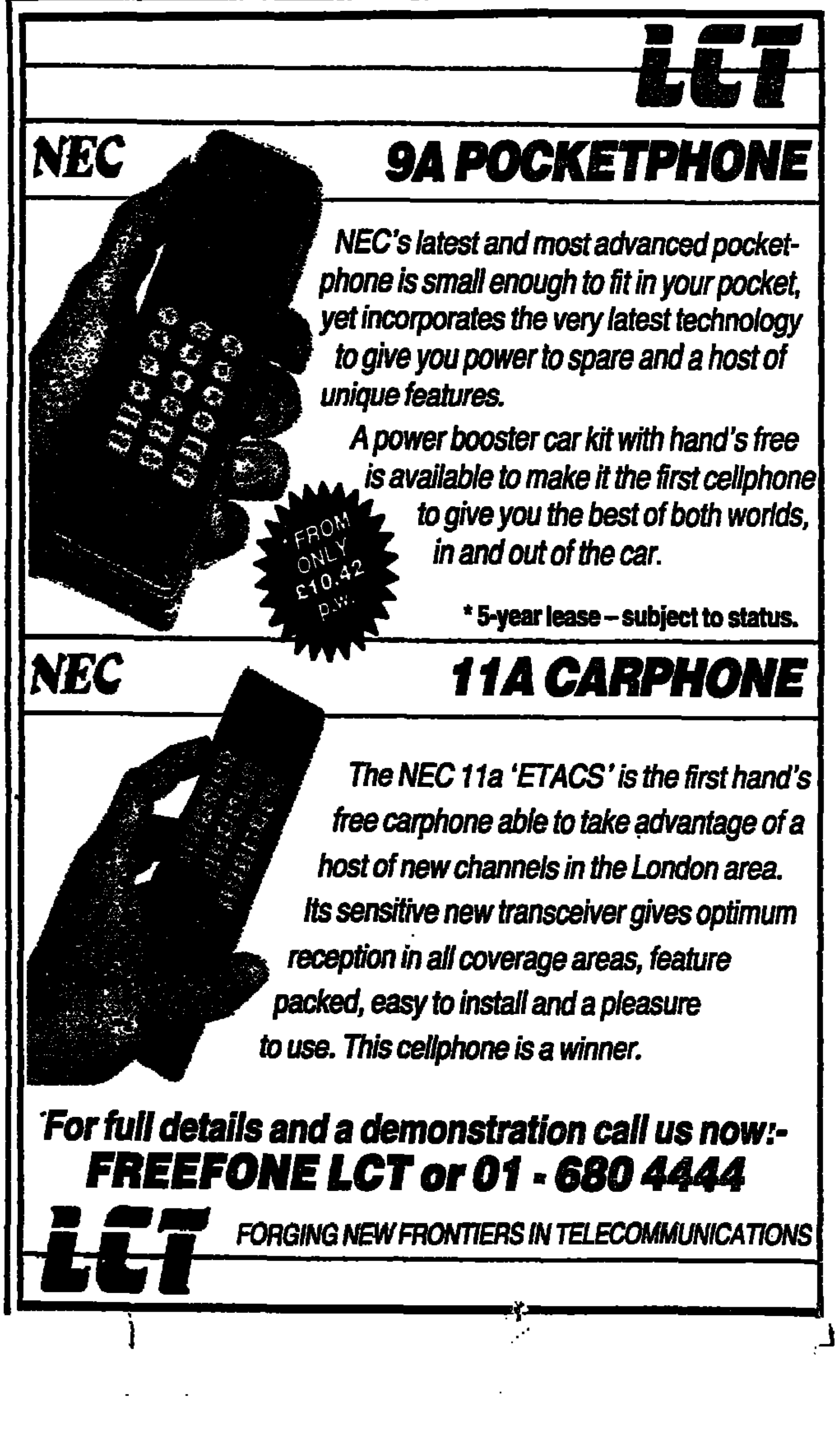

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Albert Fisher spends £5m on Dutch firm

Albert Fisher Group, the expanding food importer and distributor, has made its fourth significant acquisition in The Netherlands with the purchase, for a maximum of 18 million guilders (£5.2 million), of an importer of fresh fruit and vegetables.

It is buying Jeemaa Beheer, the holding company trading as the Aartsen Group, for an initial payment of 9 million guilders, with the balance dependent on profits this year and next. The vendors, the Aartsen family, are taking £1.9 million cash and the rest of the initial consideration in new Fisher shares, with future payments on the same basis. Aartsen has trading links with the British group's first two purchases in The Netherlands, Citronas and Reingold.

Van-Line is sold for £2m

Walker Greenbank, the industrial mini-conglomerate chaired by Sir Anthony Jolliffe, the former Lord Mayor of London, is paying £2 million for Van-Line, a distributor of automotive components. The vendor receives £1.9 million in cash and the rest in new shares. In 1987 Van-Line made pretax profits of £400,000 on turnover of £3.3 million.

Profits soar at Lendu

Lendu Holdings, the rubber production and investment company, made pretax profits of £169,640 in 1987 against £60,467 in the previous year. The company said the rubber crop was slightly ahead of expectations and the improvement in prices which started in 1986 continued throughout last year. The total dividend was raised from 1.3p to 1.5p.

Micro Focus in black

Micro Focus Group came back into the black in the year to the end of January after two years of losses, with pretax profits of £1.56 million against a deficit of £329,000 last time. The improvement would have been more but for the falling dollar, which probably clipped pretax profits by about £400,000.

About 75 per cent of group revenues are in dollars, representing sales to the United States and Japan. Dollar revenues rose by 43 per cent to $28.2 million (£15.03 million), while the sterling improvement was 22 per cent to £15.93 million. There is no dividend.

US buy for Cookson

Cookson Group, the specialist metals and chemicals manufacturer, has expanded in the US with the purchase of Neptco, the Rhode Island maker of polymers. The initial payment is $40 million (£22 million), with a further payment dependent on future profits which is not expected to be more than $15 million. Neptco made pretax profits of $5.5 million in 1987.

DRG wraps up Spectral

DRG, the stationery, packaging and engineering group, is paying £3.14 million for Spectral Technology Group. Spectral's subsidiaries, Wallace Knight and Primarc, design and make accelerated drying systems using special ultraviolet lamps for use in printing and packaging. Spectral makes pretax profits of about £600,000 on annual sales of £6.5 million.

Acquisitive Beattie

James Beattie, the department store chain based in Wolverhampton, is close to negotiating the purchase of more retail outlets, Mr Geoffrey Lowndes, the joint managing director, said yesterday as the company announced higher full-year pretax profits. In the year to end-January these rose by 10 per cent to £7.24 million, on sales up 9 per cent to £56.16 million. Beattie is paying a final dividend of 3p making a total of 4p (3.4532p).

The cash mountain grew by £2.5 million during the year, to £16 million, but was likely to be diminished "fairly shortly" by further expansion, Mr Lowndes said.

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B&C's new look starts taking shape

British & Commonwealth is a story about yesterday and tomorrow. After John Gunn's team took over the sleepy but occasionally brilliant old Cayzer investment trust, the sky seemed to be the limit. Here was a proven venturer sitting on assets, buying and selling companies at a dazzling pace, and pushing the group further into fashionable financial services.

That all ended on October 19. Since then, B&C shares have fallen by 47 per cent. Pretax profits were below precrash forecasts at £130.9 million (against £51.5 million) after £15 million was written off goodwill, occasioning an 11p fall to 272p. Ignoring the goodwill charge, the shares sell at 12.1 times earnings which have just risen by half.

This rating would fit if B&C were just a middling financial company with credibility problems. On one City calculation, B&C now sells at a discount of more than half its going-concern break-up value, far more than in the old days.

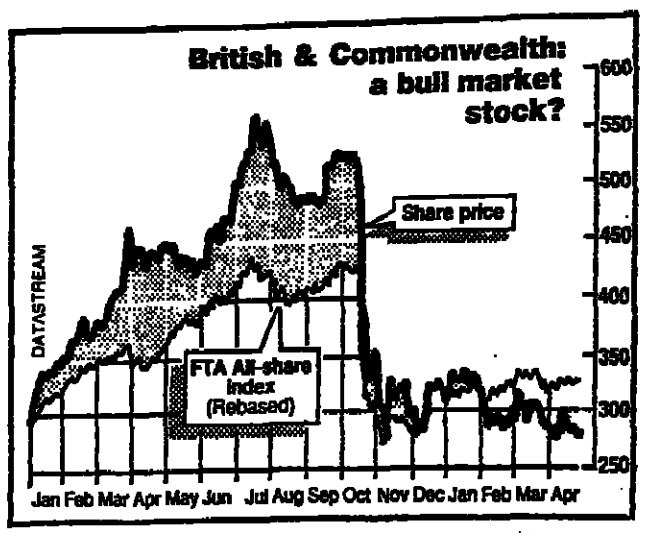
The change from bull to bear thinking has some substance behind it. Earnings should be modestly higher this year, but will not match earlier euphoria. Investment management is not so buoyant. And the £46 million contribution from the old Cayzer investment business, bolstered by opportune sales, might be halved.

The £45 million losses on a $60 million investment in the Kaines commodity dealing venture in the US somewhat dents the Midas image. B&C eventually took full control as the best way of backing Kaines as it was run down. Had it not, the whole loss would have come above the line instead of just £15 million. The row over Quadrex's aborted £280 million purchase of the Mercantile House money brokers has not helped either.

B&C now has to prove whereas once Mr Gunn only had to smile confidently. This year should see the sale of the Mercantile brokers and the original Bricomin trading division. The two might gross £600 million-plus, leaving a £500 million war chest.

By the end of 1988, B&C should also have emerged from two years of ferment into its intended new form, concentrating on moneybroking, investment management, banking, leasing and property.

The market might not find that too exciting, but B&C might then be understood and, barring more financial alarums, have established a platform for strong profit growth in 1989.


British & Commonwealth: a bull market stock?

Tate & Lyle

In stirring a spoonful of artificial sweetener into its bid for Staley Continental, Tate & Lyle is attempting to put the frighteners on New York's arbitrageurs.

Just as with Sucralose, T&L's new calorie-cutting alternative for sugar currently awaiting its licences, the $3-a-share improvement in terms will help the Staley board swallow its pride — and perhaps the new $35 offer.

At the same time it should not cost T&L an extra penny. The increase represents its own revaluation of the Staley food distribution interests in the light of demand from potential buyers.

More than 60 per cent of Staley shares are thought to be in the hands of the "arbs," but they have burned their fingers before, and recently.

To date the management has had no response to its "white knight wanted" ads, and it has found virtually everyone, from the Illinois state senators down to its humblest corn syrup factory worker, going into bat for T&L.

At $37, the Staley share price remains stubbornly out of T&L's reach, but analysts give little for its chances of holding that level should T&L be seen off and no new bidder emerge. In the circumstances, it was a little odd that T&L, whose first offer still had a week to run, should have chosen to move now. T&L talks a good tale, but had it felt as confident as it sounds, it might have declared its new offer final, and then watched the "arbs" run.

Meanwhile half-year figures from T&L show it to be on course for a shade above £100 million pretax this year, with the UK sugar refining operations, in many ways carried by the rest of the group for years, now repaying the debt with the only significant increase, at £8.8 million against £3 million. Both the Canadian operations, which did better, and the US activities, which were poor, were squeezed by the strong pound.

Looking ahead, Sucralose should bring in perhaps £30 million a year in the 1990s. In the meantime much may depend on Staley, if it comes in, and how swiftly it can be trimmed down to size, how much T&L's accountants can salvage from the taxman and in which direction this new launchpad will take T&L's acquisition policy.

ICI

ICI cannot seem to get anything right. Its first quarter figures were at the top end of analysts' ranges, while buoyant trading conditions are continuing into the second three months.

Despite this, the shares dropped 16p to 977p, continuing the downward trend which has characterized their performance lately.

The market has some reason to be nervous about ICI, as the currency picture is looking black. But are these worries already in the rating?

Approximately 25 per cent of ICI's 1988 profits should come from the US, with a further 11 per cent earned in Continental Europe. But the pound strengthened 19 per cent against the dollar and by six per cent against the Deutschemark, first quarter on first quarter, and is showing no signs of abating.

Thus, earlier estimates that the £20-£30 million of currency losses seen in 1987 would be unlikely to be exceeded in 1988 now look vastly wide of the mark.

In the first quarter alone the group dropped around £30 million at the pretax profit level on earnings translation. For the full year, this figure is unlikely to quadruple but it may well treble.

Yet even with this additional drain, it seems possible that 1988 profits will reach £1.4 billion. On this basis, the shares are selling on a p/e ratio of 8.1 times future earnings, and stand on a 25 per cent discount to the market. With a yield of 6 per cent, income funds could do worse.

The second quarter is the crucial one, and to date trading remains good. Importantly, ICI is not suffering on the transactions side.

If the group makes in excess of £750 million for the first six months, it should reach £1.4 billion for the year. The share price already appears to have taken more than the present uncertainty on board.

DAKS Simpson tailors 25% rise

By Alexandra Jackson

DAKS Simpson Group, the quality clothing manufacturer and retailer, reported a 25 per cent increase in pretax profits in the half year to the end of January on sales up 14 per cent to £29.5 million.

Mr Johnny Mengers, the chairman, said that full order books underpinned the strong performance from the group's manufacturing activities.

The retail business was less buoyant, although strong mail order sales and the replacement of American tourists by those from Japan had done much to compensate.

Sales of DAKS branded merchandise were growing well both through the company's own production facilities and through overseas licensees.

Mr Mengers is confident the first half's performance can be maintained for the year as a whole.

An interim dividend of 3p was declared, up from 2.25p in the first half of 1986-87. Earnings per share at the half-year stage rose from 18.5p to 23.3p.

DAKS Simpson shares increased from 1,640p to 1,660p yesterday while the "A" shares advanced from 440p to 485p.

JH Fenner up by 50% to £4.5m

By Joe Joseph

JH Fenner Holdings, the Hull-based power transmission engineer, continued to reap the benefits of its recent cost-cutting efforts, with pretax profits for the six months to February 29 rising from £3 million to £4.5 million on increased turnover of £83.9 million.

Fenner is confident that it will make further progress during the second half of the year. But it is increasingly worried about sterling's strength, particularly against the dollar.

There is an interim dividend of 3p, up from 2.5p.

Pilkington in Australian deal

By Martin Waller

Pilkington, the glass producer, has confirmed it will buy out the majority shareholding held by ACI International in its Australian joint venture, for a price set by an independent audit at Aus$255.4 million (£103.4 million).

The British group had earlier indicated its interest in exercising its option to buy ACI's 50.3 per cent stake in Pilkington ACI, which came about when the Australian group was taken over earlier this year by BTR Nylex and the Pratt Group.

Apart from the commercial benefits of the purchase to Pilkington, BTR Nylex is 62 per cent owned by BTR, the British conglomerate that early last year dropped its bid to take over the glassmaker after a bitter struggle.

The price for the buyout, based on an independent valuation of PACI by the Melbourne office of Arthur Andersen & Co, the chartered accountant, will be met in cash from Pilkington's existing resources.

The deal is expected to be completed today.

PACI owns the only float glass line in Australia, operated under licence from Pilkington, at Dandnong, near Melbourne, which produces about 3,000 tonnes a week. A second plant is under construction near Sydney.

Net assets at March 31 were Aus$131 million. Sales for the year to end-March were estimated at Aus$446 million and pretax profits at Aus$64 million.

The joint venture also makes patterned and safety glass for the motor car and building markets and has distribution, wholesaling and retailing interests. The deal has clearance from the Australian authorities.

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Michelin in £13m refit of Ballymena factory

By Robert Rodwell

Michelin, the French tyre conglomerate, is to spend £13 million on re-equipping its Ballymena, Co Antrim, bus and truck tyre plant, over the next three years, with the support of the Northern Ireland Industrial Development Board.

The refit will enable the factory to increase output by 15 per cent, but it is not expected to lead to a significant increase in the workforce of more than 1,000.

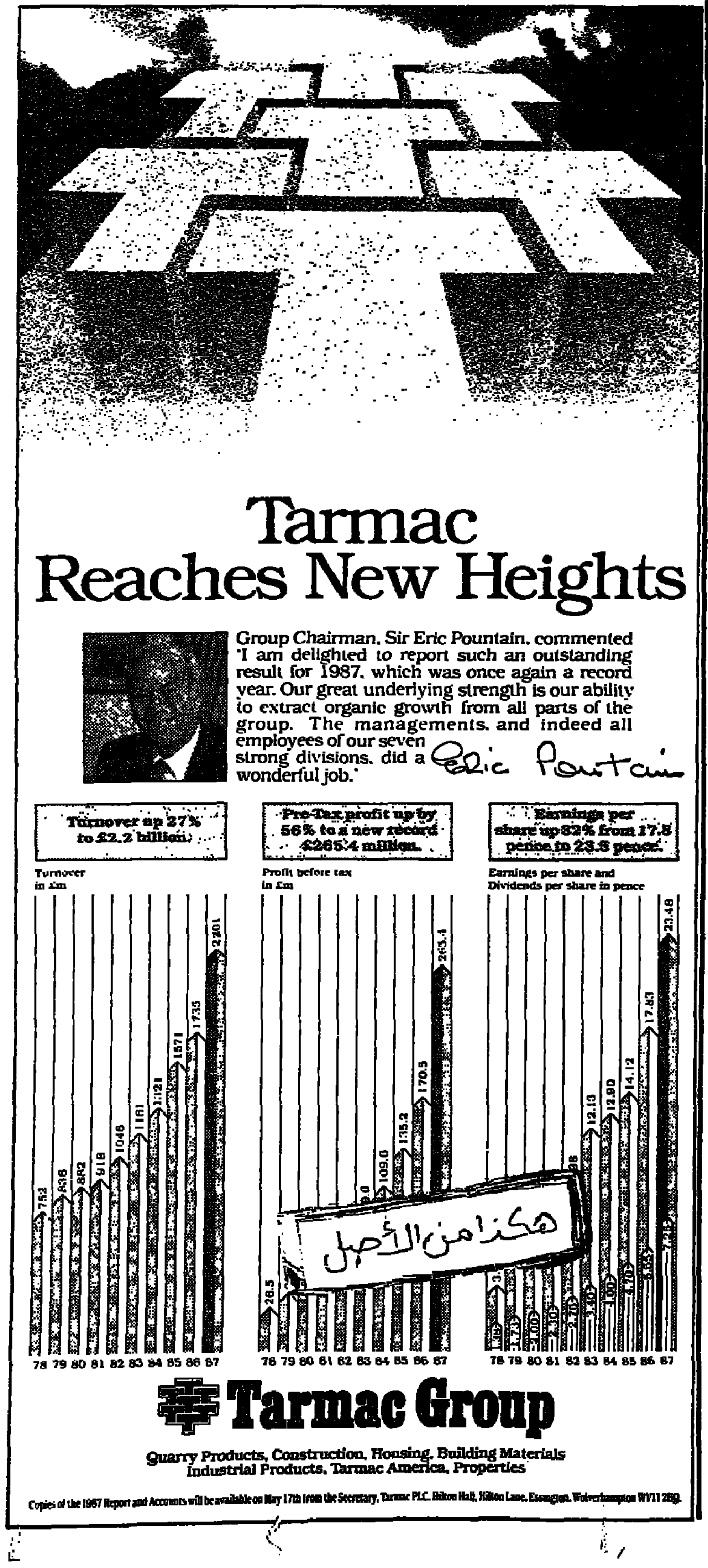
Ballymena exports 50 per cent of its output to the United States, where Michelin claims to be the market leader for low-profile truck tyres.

The need for a large expansion of its output stems largely from the belated switch of US truck operators to radial tyres, which are standard throughout Europe where cross-ply truck tyres are no longer sold.

"Because US truckers are buying more and more radials there is a very big market there. Michelin has been unable to meet the demand to its US factories so have had to turn to other plants," Mr John Steele, the Ballymena factory manager, said yesterday.

The equipment being installed will enable the plant to produce a wider range of tyres. "The days of only providing a small range of multi-purpose tyres are over," Mr Steel said.

More than 6 million tyres have been produced at Ballymena since the factory opened in 1969. Some years ago Michelin closed an equally large car tyre factory on the outskirts of Belfast.



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	1986	1987
Turnover	95,722	**87,087**
Funds generated from operations	4,114	**6,647**
Stock holding effect	(7,500)	**220**
Funds from operations net of stock holding effect	11,614	**6,427**
Consolidated result	(1,246)	**1,550**
Minority share	(775)	**94**
Net result (TCFP share)	(471)	**1,456**

The firming in oil prices led to better results in crude oil production activities. On the other hand, profits on gas production were lower due to a drop in production and a downturn in selling prices, which partially mirrored, with a time lag, crude price trends in 1986.

On the refining-marketing side, the accounting results of the US subsidiary declined, while those of the other subsidiaries underwent a significant recovery. The improvement was insufficient however to prevent CRD TOTAL FRANCE from recording once again a very substantial operating loss.

Gross capital expenditure amounted to F 8,700 million against F 9,600 million in 1986; most of this was in the upstream sector. Considerable disinvestment took place, notably the sale of the Italian refining-marketing subsidiary. This is reflected in the consolidated financial statements as a F 1,000 million capital gain.

Several significant events in late 1987 and early 1988 are worth mentioning:
- start-up of the Alwyn field in the UK North Sea.
- takeover of a Canadian gold mining company, GETTY RESOURCES.
- public offer for the shares and share warrants held by the minority shareholders of CRD TOTAL FRANCE.
- acquisition of CSX OIL AND GAS in the United States.

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Lloyd's members criticize working party proposals

By Alison Eadie

The Association of Lloyd's Members, which represents the interests of Lloyd's non-working names, has criticized two proposals in a consultative document issued yesterday by Lloyd's as going against the letter and spirit of the Neill report in matters of key concern to names.

The issues are mandatory deficit clauses, whereby a name's losses would be offset against his profits before he paid profit commission to his agent, and "pay now sue later" procedures.

The government-appointed committee headed by Sir Patrick Neill QC advocated mandatory deficit clauses for managing agents, and said Lloyd's should temper the effect of the "pay now sue later" provision in the standard agency agreement. Mr Brian Pomeroy, a member of the three-man Neill committee, was on Lloyd's working party and did not dissent from its conclusions.

The Lloyd's consultative document, from the Underwriting Agency Agreements Working Group, advocated a mandatory horizontal deficit clause – across all a name's syndicates in one year – for members' agents, but came down against a mandatory vertical deficit clause – across one syndicate over several years – for managing agents.

Mr Edward Walker-Arnott, chairman of the working party that produced the document, said a mandatory deficit clause would result in an increase in fixed charges to names.

The working party believed it would be fairer to give names the choice of whether they wanted a deficit clause with their members' agents, who place names on syndicates. But it feared a mandatory deficit clause for managing agents, who run syndicates, would cause interference in the market place. A managing agent with large losses on one syndicate could be tempted to wind up the syndicate instead of trading out of the bad patch.

The working party recommended that "pay now sue later" provisions should be included in a name's agreement with his managing but not his members' agent. The priority was to ensure the policyholder was paid promptly.

The ALM wants names to be allowed to establish their case before an independent arbiter and, if successful, pay the disputed sum to Lloyd's as trustee. Lloyd's central fund would then be used to protect the policyholder.

The consultative document also advocated: a radical overhaul of agency agreements and the methods by which members' and managing agents were remunerated; the creation of a direct contractual relationship between a name and his managing as well as his members' agent; standardization of the formula though not the amount for calculating fees; a full explanation from managing agents, and an auditor's report to accompany cash calls on names; and abolition of the rule whereby a name could have only one agent acting for him for each class of business.

BP chief predicts $25 oil price

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Sir Peter Walters, the chairman of BP, yesterday predicted the world oil price will climb to $25 a barrel in the mid-1990s – just as the North Sea assets which the company acquired in taking over Britoil come on stream.

He told the company's annual meeting that the target price of $18 which the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries was trying to achieve was the right price at present.

He said: "It gives the producers a return and is also the right level for the consumers."

Sir Peter said the assets acquired from Britoil will be coming on stream just when he hopes the world oil price will start to climb again.

He said: "We have never allowed market uncertainties to distract BP Exploration from its principal role of exploring for, and managing, the group's oil and gas reserves. But perhaps of greatest and most recent significance to our exploration business has been our acquisition of Britoil.

"Even today, two decades after it began producing, the North Sea is still an area of enormous potential, offering exciting opportunities in politically stable conditions for many years ahead.

"But companies need all the financial strength, technologicial expertise and international experience they can command if these opportunities are to be realized.

"By adding BP's resources to those of Britoil, we can achieve more together than either could have done alone. That was the thinking behind our bid."

Sir Peter also told the meeting that the 22 per cent stake now held in the company by the Kuwaiti government was a holding larger than the company would prefer to see in the hands of any single shareholder.

"They have stated they regard their stake in BP as a long-term strategic investment. That is a good reason why it would not be in their interests to do anything which might be interpreted as inconsistent with this objective."

Some shareholders – including an aborigine woman who had travelled 12,000 miles to attend – voiced concern about BP's involvement in the Olympic Dam uranium mining project in north Australia.

They claimed it was harming the environment and damaged areas sacred to the Kokatha aborigine tribe.

Sir Peter said he was visiting the site in June to see how the BP team was handling the environmental issues.

The price is right: Sir Peter Walters at yesterday's meeting

N Sea oil outlook good, says broker

By Our Energy Correspondent

The North Sea will continue to make a significant contribution to Britain's economy in the next decade, according to oil analysts at County NatWest WoodMac.

The broker suggests that by 1995 oil production from the North Sea will have dropped from 2.4 million barrels a day to about 1 million. But it adds that it is not unreasonable to assume that this figure will be exceeded because of new advanced recovery techniques being developed.

"If the outlook for the fields in production looks bright, the prospects for the UK as an exploration province is better still. Indeed the North Sea is regarded by many as being one of the world's premier areas of future potential," the report says.

"Over the past 15 years the North Sea has developed an enviable infrastructure which is attractive to companies, both as a means of limiting capital expenditure on new fields and also as a means of boosting the economics of mature fields in the decline phase by shared operating costs or tariff receipts."

The report says the short to medium-term continued success will buoy up industry enthusiasm, and a regular award of acreage should ensure the mature areas are re-examined and the potential of new areas investigated.

SPP agrees £31m Braithwaite bid

By Cliff Feltham

Braithwaite, the engineering and cleaning equipment group, yesterday launched a £31 million takeover bid for SPP, the maker of Godiva fire pumps.

The board of SPP, which owns just over 6 per cent of the equity, is recommending the cash-and-shares offer, which values its shares at 161p each.

In the stock market, the shares shot up by 32p to 155p. Braithwaite is also offering a cash alternative of 155p.

The merger will create a new force in specialist equipment hire by bringing together Braithwaite's subsidiary, Andrews and the SPP offshoot, Sykes.

Braithwaite, which is estimating pretax profits for the year just ended of not less than £3.7 million, took over Andrews – which hires and sells heating, drying and air conditioning equipment – last year for £27 million.

SPP, which was bought out from Booker in 1983 and returned to the stock market in 1985, went through a transitional period in 1987, turning in profits of just above £2 million on sales of £43.8 million.

The terms of the offer are 32 new Braithwaite shares and £79.16 in cash for every 100 SPP shares. Braithwaite is expecting to recommend a dividend for the year of 4.5p.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Cleaning up at the dogs

Michael Ashcroft, chairman of ADT, the Bermuda-based cleaning to security group previously known as Hawley, is moving in royal circles these days. He has, I hear, rubbed shoulders with the Princess of Wales twice in as many months and was, I am told, the man who persuaded her to attend a greyhound meeting at Wembley Stadium last week – the first royal patronage of the sport for many years. While Ashcroft refuses to confirm my story – "I think someone is winding you up," he says – it is nevertheless interesting to observe that the princess, clad in traditional DJ with trendy green waistcoat, sat next to Ashcroft at dinner, and presented the prize for one race ... the ADT Trophy. Even though the winning dog, Morning Break, should have been disqualified for deliberate interference, the stewards at the Wembley meeting were so anxious not to spoil the princess's evening that they bent the rules to allow the ceremony to go ahead, disqualifying the dog afterwards. Ashcroft last met the princess at the ballet a few weeks ago when he apparently ignored protocol by inviting her up to his box for an impromptu visit.

Party time

Ian Kerr, the executive director of Kidder Peabody International, the American investment bank, is, I hear, planning to celebrate his 46th birthday tomorrow in some considerable style. The venue will be the conservatory in the garden of his Georgian town house in Chelsea. Reputed to have cost more than the house itself, the marble conservatory is described by neighbours as being Chelsea's answer to the Parthenon. A statue of Kerr's hero, Eurobond market pioneer Hans-Joerg Rudloff has pride of place on the patio.

Saga of free-spending

TSB may have shifted its annual meeting from a Friday to a Thursday to make it cheaper for pensioners to attend, but Saga Holidays, whose AGM takes place in Folkestone today, has gone one better. It has offered all shareholders free second-class rail travel to their headquarters on the Kent coast, with the option of first-class travel costing just £5, from anywhere in Britain. It also offered to arrange discounted hotel accommodation in Folkestone or London. Given the nature of its business it is perhaps hardly surprising that Saga is able to negotiate good deals. Last year it cost the company just £2,000 to transport an AGM audience of 200. This year as many as 350 are expected, some coming from the north of Scotland.

"The optimists are queueing for the ferries, and the pessimists for the Tunnel."

Cashing in

The honesty of the people of New York was put to the test on Sunday – and all but one failed. The test in question came after a teller at First Federal Savings and Loan, on the corner of 14th Street and 1st Avenue, erroneously filled an automatic cash machine with $20 bills instead of $5 ones. Long queues quickly formed and one man, a writer, who refused to be identified for fear of prosecution, said: "I called everyone I knew and told them to get down quick." An actor, who requested $40 and was paid $160, said that people's reactions varied wildly. One person apparently screamed with joy, another barely raised his eyebrows and then sneaked away, while one woman launched into a long lecture about how it was money the bank owed her anyway. Only one individual used the 24-hour emergency telephone to report the malfunction.

A royal share

Could it be that the Queen owns shares in the Hudson's Bay Company? According to author Peter Newman, who is half-way through *Caesars of the Wilderness*, a four-volume history of Canada's oldest and most powerful company, that just might be the case. As the only royally chartered company still in existence, it was apparently granted its charter by Charles II in 1670, who is said to have been rewarded with stock. Intrigued to know if the Royal Family still held shares, Newman approached the late Lord Adeane, the Queen's former financial adviser, but he refused to discuss Her Majesty's investments. So Newman asked Donald McGiverin, HBC's present governor. He revealed that while the Queen's name was nowhere to be found on the company's share register, she might perhaps hold them in the name of a merchant bank or nominee. McGiverin did let slip, however, one other crucial piece of evidence. He was once standing next to the Duke of Edinburgh at a function during a royal tour of Canada, and, just as the noise level suddenly rose, the Consort apparently turned to McGiverin, and whispered: "How are we doing?"

● **The television coverage of Britoil's new board proved somewhat embarrassing for Scottish Television, which labelled an interview with Jack Weightman, Britoil's last dissenting shareholder, as being one with John Saint, Britoil's new chief executive.**

Carol Leonard

Reagan to use veto on trade bill

**From Bailey Morris
Washington**

President Reagan will veto the onmnibus trade bill which was given final approval by Congress on Wednesday but wants to work with legislators to produce an acceptable substitute, the White House said yesterday.

Mr Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, told reporters: "The President will veto the bill". But he added that Mr Reagan wanted to work with Congress to thrash out an "acceptable" trade bill that would strip out a provision requiring advance notice of plant closings.

The Senate, as expected, approved the legislation but the 63-36 vote fell three short of the two-thirds majority necessary to override a presidential veto. The House of Representatives had already passed the same legislation by a majority of 312-107.

House officials said yesterday they had more than enough votes to overturn the veto, but that the Senate leadership, which failed to convince enough Republicans to cross over, did not.

President Reagan is not expected to receive the legislation for more than two weeks.

Regardless of the decisions taken, however, the confrontation between the White House and Congress over trade policy has started a chain of responses that will be hard to stop.

The trade deficit and various populist responses are now certain to become a strong election year issue.

On the sensitive issue of plant closure notification, which President Reagan opposed strongly, Governor Michael Dukakis, the likely Democratic presidential candidate, has gained an important political advantage.

His home state of Massachusetts has passed a law requiring employers to give notice of plant closures and Mr Dukakis said it had saved more than 100 plants and thousands of jobs.

If the legislation is reintroduced, as expected, there will be attempts to restore some of the more onerous protectionist measures.

Crafting a new trade policy, including specific measures to reduce the surpluses of other countries with the US, is likely to be high on the agenda of the next President.

The broad goal of the legislation passed by Congress was to make it easier for the US to attack unfair trade practices of other countries.

COMMENT

Racal rides the wave of positive thinking

The extraordinary rise of Racal's shares is at the same time a tribute, a lesson and a warning. The revelation that Racal is looking hard at a flotation of its cellular radio activities took the market by surprise.

Nevertheless, the reaction was a tribute to the commercial instinct of Sir Ernest Harrison, Racal's chairman, and his board, which certainly recognized a "once in a lifetime chance" when the Government put the cellular radio franchise out to tender. Sir Ernest went for it harder than any of his rivals, promised more before he won it, and threw more resources and effort at the project once he had the concession in his hands.

In the early days, when the company faced several years of negative cashflow due to the immense cost of setting up a nationwide coverage of base stations, sceptical investors had only a cheery series of forecasts to raise their spirits. The growth implied by the Racal projections was all too reminiscent of the blue sky numbers put out by EMI in the late 1970s predicting a spectacular payoff from the ill-fated scanner project.

But apart from a stumble or two in the very early days, the forecasts have all proved to be too conservative.

The City's generous recognition of the value that Racal's management conjured more or less from thin air is also a lesson to companies, such as GEC, which have singularly failed to latch on to so much of the potential which has appeared in the electronics industry during the past decade or more. GEC was easily the best-placed British company to ride the crest of a wave of consumer electronics which has filled ordinary households on five continents with appliances and gadgetry to an extent undreamed of 15 years ago. GEC stagnated while it should have been making sure that the Amstrads and the Vodafones of Britain never had an opportunity to get off the ground.

The market reaction to Racal's possible flotation is also a warning that having created such a highly prized asset as Vodafone, Racal is in the same category as Rowntree, Cadbury and others now being eyed up in the context of a post-1992 pan-European market-place. Racal has by no means exploited the potential of cellular radio in the UK, let alone in the rest of Continental Europe.

We are still some way from the day when it will be possible to carry a portable phone around Europe and call the office directly. But the day is coming closer, with the spread of digital switching equipment. Those like Racal at the forefront of the technology may be able to name their own price, when, not if, the bid eventually comes.

No Big Bang on A-Day

After the Stock Exchange Big Bang, which brought together a whole series of dramatic changes in one day, there is a danger that investors will suddenly think that everyone from insurance brokers and bank managers to City market-makers will start behaving differently as A-Day dawns this morning. It will not quite be like that. The provisions of the Financial Services Act have been rolling in bit by bit.

The biggest change is that only those authorized for business will be allowed to trade. But since large numbers will be working on provisional registration while the bureaucracy grinds on, that only guarantees that someone has filled in a form.

The rulebooks are now largely operative but not the new compensation fund. The regulators are primed to watch for breaches and the practitioners will be nervously hoping they do not make too many.

More than a year after the City Takeover Code was amended, the relatively small number who need to be familiar with its provisions are still making elementary mistakes from time to time. And the Takeover Code, for all its complexity, is a simple tome compared with some of the rulebooks collated by the Securities and Investments Board.

It would be a pity if there were great cries of scandal every time some poor miscreant makes a mistake over the coming few months. For there will surely be many. And it will only show that they are doing what they did before, not engaging in new and devious sins.

A flow of such cases may well, however, quell the still growing chorus of complaint from the industry over the complexity and cost of what was originally thought to be a light if consistent system of self-regulation.

There is plenty to complain about. Larger life assurance companies and financial service conglomerates face charges of £2 million in the first year to comply with the Act and fear that most of this will turn out to be an annual *rather than one-off charge.*

This all has to be paid for, principally by the consumer. Investors will see some obvious and tangible benefits from the process set in train by the Act. Not least will be information on how much of their life premiums will go in commission and charges, a good incentive to keep those charges down.

For the most part, however, the consumer should benefit from things that do not happen: biased advice or company failures for instance. Once confidence in the Act is established, customers should enjoy more peace of mind. That is hard to quantify, but is certainly valuable, to the suppliers of financial services as well as their clients.

TATE + LYLE

Dividend and Earnings up

"We have increased the price of our previously announced tender offer for Staley Continental to $35 per share. The acquisition is an important move in an overall strategy to develop our worldwide sweetener business"

- Significant improvement in UK sugar refining
- Redpath Sugars results remain very satisfactory
- Sugar trading and malting businesses achieve substantially higher profits
- Interim dividend increased by 11%
- Earnings per share up 16%

Unaudited Interim Results	1988 26 weeks to 26th March	1987 26 weeks to 28th March
Pre-tax profits	£43.8m	£40.2m
Interim dividend per £1 ordinary share	10.0p	9.0p
Earnings per £1 ordinary share	35.2p	30.3p

These Unaudited Interim Results do not constitute full financial statements. Details of the Interim Report for the 26 weeks to 26th March 1988 are being mailed to shareholders.

Further copies may be obtained from: C P McFie, Secretary, Tate & Lyle PLC, Sugar Quay, Lower Thames Street, London EC3R 6DQ.

Apricot revival continues with two purchases

By Martin Waller

Apricot Computers is celebrating a second year of recovery with two purchases, including an agreed rescue bid for Sigmex International, the troubled USM-quoted maker of graphic display screens. Its second acquisition is Adatco Computer Services.

In the year to the end of March, Apricot made pretax profits of £8.21 million, more than double the £4.04 million made in the previous year and in sharp contrast to the £15.38 million loss in 1985-86.

Apricot, which is based in Birmingham, returned to the dividend list at the half-way stage after a two-year absence. It has announced a final payment of 1.5p, making a total of 2p for the year.

The offer for Sigmex, which is on a three-for-seven basis, values the company at £3.67 million.

It has irrevocable acceptances from holders of 62.5 per cent of the shares, and would involve the issue of 3.63 million new shares, or 5.8 per cent of the enlarged share capital.

Sigmex made a pretax loss of £979,000 in the six months to end-December and is not yet back in the black, according to Mr Simon Hunt, Apricot's deputy managing director. But it has an order book of more than £6 million, with another £20 million to £30 million of work in prospect from clients such as the Ministry of Defence and the French electricity generating industry.

Apricot will be taking action on overhead costs once the deal goes through, and is reserving the option to transfer at least some of the production from the Sigmex factory at Horsham, West Sussex, to its own plant at Glenrothes in Scotland's "Silicon Glen," north of Edinburgh.

Meanwhile, Apricot is paying a maximum of £3.5 million for Adatco Computer Services, which supplies packaged software to the insurance business, brokers and banks.

An initial payment of £2.025 million is payable, £1.525 million in cash to be satisfied by means of a vendor placing and the balance in new Apricot shares.

Adatco's profits in the year to end-August were just £3,000, hit by heavy development costs, but Mr Hunt is confident the acquisition would contribute between £300,000 and £400,000 to Apricot's earnings in the current financial year.

"We don't expect any earnings dilution out of the two acquisitions," he added.

Apricot's cash balances at the end of March stood at about £11.5 million, up from £6.7 million in the previous year, but would be trimmed by between £2 million and £3 million by the assumption of some Sigmex debt.

Batus extends offer

Louisville, Kentucky (Reuter) – Batus Industries reported that its subsidiary, Batus Financial Services, has extended the closing date of its tender offer for Farmers Group of $63 a share in cash to Wednesday, May 18. The offer was initially scheduled to expire on March 30 and was extended to April 27.

Batus said that a preliminary count shows about 9.55 million (13.7 per cent) had been tendered at April 27. There were 69.73 million outstanding shares of Farmers common stock at April 1, said Batus. Batus has said that it expected the offer, valued at $4.50 billion (£2.4 billion), to be extended from time to time until the approvals from state insurance regulatory authorities are obtained.

Baird fashions an agreed £28m bid for Windsmoor

By Alison Eadie

William Baird, the clothing and engineering group, has made an agreed £28.2 million bid for Windsmoor, the designer of high quality women's fashions. The companies already have a successful trading relationship. Baird manufactures £2 million worth of clothing a year for Windsmoor.

Mr Donald Parr, the chairman of Baird, said that Windsmoor presented a unique opportunity to acquire a business with good brands. The Windsmoor and Planet labels are sold in most big department stores through "shop-in-shop" concessions.

Baird is a sizeable supplier to Marks and Spencer, and owns the Dannimac brand of raincoats, which are also sold through "shop-in-shop" concessions.

Mr Parr said there would be considerable savings from eliminating duplication, reducing overheads and combining premises.

The fit is also neat because Baird is a manufacturer and Windsmoor has no manufacturing capability, he added.

Windsmoor yesterday published pretax profits for the year to January 30 of £2.95 million, a 2 per cent fall on the previous year on turnover 12 per cent higher at £66.1 million.

The company said the drop in profits was due to higher interest charges, following overstocking in the middle of the year. By the year-end Windsmoor had reduced its stock to £13 million, against £14.8 million at the previous year-end.

Windsmoor came to the stock market in July 1986 and was valued at £23.3 million. The terms of Baird's offer are one of its shares and 20p cash for four Windsmoor shares, or a cash alternative of 122p per share.

Windsmoor shareholders will retain the second interim dividend of 2p. With Baird shares down 7p, at 493p, at midday yesterday, the offer values Windsmoor at 128¼p.

Mr Lionel Green, one of the founders of Windsmoor, will retire from the board, but Mr Brian Green, the chairman, and Mr Richard Green, the managing director will remain in their positions.

Baird already has acceptances representing 69.6 per cent of Windsmoor's equity.

Parkinson attacks banks' policy

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of State for Energy, has sharply criticized Britain's clearing banks for being more willing to lend to overseas governments than they were to small and medium-sized companies in Britain.

He told the annual conference of the Small Business Bureau, the biggest gathering of small businesses outside the US, that banks tended to judge businesses by the strength of their collateral.

"Sometimes I wish they would treat small businesses the way they treat certain overseas governments. I know where I'd put my money and it wouldn't be in parts of South America or Africa. I can think of a bank or two that might have done its shareholders a good turn a few years ago if it had believed then that risk-taking should begin at home and not in continents far away," he said.

Mr Parkinson's remarks are likely to jolt some British clearing banks which have suffered losses on the bad debts of their overseas customers. Some of them argue that it was government pressure which pushed them into those markets in the first place. Among those on the platform with Mr Parkinson was Lord Boardman, the chairman of the National Westminster Bank.

'Risk-taking should begin at home': Cecil Parkinson

Mr Parkinson claimed that there was now no other country in the world where small businesses had so many sources of venture capital available. It was harder to raise sums under £250,000 in West Germany, France, Italy, Japan or America.

He said that the Conservative Government had changed attitudes towards investment and enterprise to the benefit of the business community.

We had stopped being a country where the only socially acceptable money was "old money" and become an enterprise culture. Snobbish attitudes to "trade" had gone.

Every week 500 new small businesses started in Britain and there was nothing selfish about an entrepreneur wanting to make money. The more he made, the bigger was his contribution to the community in opportunities for others.

"The fact is that you don't need to be in public ownership in order to be of public service. And I think this argument has been won. Fewer and fewer people subscribe to the muddled notion that private enterprise is about exploitation or that you can only generate profits at someone else's expense," he said.

If people wanted something done today they had it done by the private sector and it was the state-owned operations which needed regulators.

Mr Parkinson accused nationalized industries of being "anti-business".

"We should not be players ourselves. The Government should get out of business and that's what this Government is determined to do," he said.

NatWest sponsors studies to boost trade with Japan

Britain's biggest bank, the National Westminster, yesterday announced a £300,000 sponsorship deal aimed at turning out graduates to boost British business prospects in Japan.

The bank has agreed to fund the first chair in Japanese business studies at a British university, to help firms take advantage of the huge Japanese market.

At the moment British universities produce only about 50 graduates each year whose main subject is the Japanese language, compared to the thousands of Japanese students fluent in English.

The NatWest sponsorship deal at Stirling University runs for five years, and reflects the bank's own close links with Japan.

It is intended to provide graduates with the language and business skills to compete in the world's second largest market.

Announcing the news, Mr Tom Frost, the NatWest chief executive, said: "We need to heighten awareness in British industry of the improved conditions for trading in Japan, and to encourage firms to seize the opportunity for more effective involvement in this strategically important market".

Mr Frost added that the shortage of training facilities for Japanese business studies in Britain, and the low level of proficiency in the Japanese language, helped to explain Britain's continuing trade imbalance with Japan.

The first occupant of the NatWest chair will be Prof Ian Gow, who said the move was an important breakthrough.

Children urged to study engineering

By John Spicer
Employment Affairs Correspondent

Parents of bright 14-year-olds are being advised to persuade their children to go into engineering, where demand is great and prospects exceptional. Salaries will be high and "employers will soon be fighting for every one of them".

This is the advice of Mr John Butcher, a junior minister at the Department of Trade and Industry, who said the country had "a surfeit of solicitors and an avalanche of accountants".

Mr Butcher was speaking at the launch of a three-year, £25 million, programme to increase the number of students on manufacturing systems engineering (MSE) courses, as a result of a demand by industry.

MSE is concerned with the specification, design, development, operation and maintenance of manufacturing and production machinery, specially the new generation of high-technology machinery.

Details of the programme were announced jointly by the DTI, the Department of Education and Science, the education departments of Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland, and the Engineering Council. The aim is to fund about 1,500 new undergraduate and postgraduate places each year in higher education by 1991-92, through industry, the Government and the universities and polytechnics that will develop the courses.

The initiative came from the engineering industry, which was alarmed by the lack of qualified engineers competent to handle the many differing processes and systems in engineering.

Mrs Angela Rumbold, Minister of State at the Department of Education, said the programme was a splendid example of what industry and the education system could achieve, and made a strong appeal for more girls and young women to look at engineering as a career.

APPOINTMENTS

New York Stock Exchange: **Mr Alain Morvan** has been made vice-president for international relations.

Midland Group: **Mr Gene Lockhart** becomes chief executive of group operations.

Lloyds Bank: **Mr Peter Nicholson** is now chairman of the Salisbury regional board.

TSB Group: **Mr Mervyn Pedelty** has been appointed assistant director of finance.

Mountleigh Group: **Mr David Arnold-Forster** has joined the company and his responsibilities will include co-ordination of the partnership activities with Heritage Projects. **Mr John Davies** has been taken on to look after the group's agricultural interests.

Richards Butler: **Mr David Boutcher, Mr Graham Harris, Mr David Daws, Mr David Norman, Mr Paul Johnston, Mr James Keliher** and **Ms Diana Faber** have been appointed equity partners from next week.

Aims of Industry: **Mr Antony Berry, Mr Ian McAlpine** and **Mr Idris Pearce** have been elected to the council. **Baroness Cox** and **Mr Paul Twyman** have been elected honorary advisers.

Thorn EMI Computer Software: **Mr Ray Ward** has been appointed product marketing manager for FCS-Pilot.

Union Discount Asset Management: **Mr Brian Carter** will be joining as a director in June.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Acre Oil	186
Archer (AJ) (130p)	160
BWD (95p)	94
Brit Pet P/P	77½ –½
Central Motor (80p)	100
Dagenham Motors	115 –1
Dudley Jenkins (85p)	105 –1
Freeman Gp	230 +9
Gardner (DC)	151
Handley Walker	145
Holders Tech (140p)	143
Hughes (HT)	76
MTL Instruments	74 –1
Merc Manf New	78 –2
Micrelec	126
Moorfield Est	123 –2
Morris Ashby (90p)	93
P&P (175p)	182
Pennine Optical	48
Printech	85 +3
Psion	128 –1
Reflex Inv	80
Reliable Props	£16½
Resort Hotels (14p)	18 –½
Selective Ass	73
TGI (130p)	133
Total Systems	85
UK Paper (135p)	137 –2
Vosper Thorny (160p)	178
West Trust	45 +2

RIGHTS ISSUES

Astra N/P	2½ –½
Bk of Ireland N/P	58
Compsoft N/P	15 +2
F&H N/P	41 +2
Lucas N/P	25 –4
Power Corp N/P	27
SD-Scicon N/P	21 +1½
Tootal N/P	2½ –¼
West Trust N/P	38
Wickes N/P	28 +1

(Issue price in brackets).

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 18	April 29	July 14	July 25

Call options were taken out on: 28/4/88 BP p/p, Eagle Trust, GEC, Western Mining, Stakis, Coloroll, Pathfinders Group, Helical Bar, Norfolk Capital, Bardsey, Moray Firth, BOM, Christy Hunt, Charterhall, Huntingdon, Tarmac.
Puts: BP p/p, Associated Energy Services.
Puts & Calls: Adwest Group, Regentcrest.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000
ADT	333
Abbey	2,275
Alld-Lyons	3,787
Amstrad	591
ASDA	7,719
AB Foods	150
Argyll	1,486
BAA	10,128
BET	4,587
BTR	10,128
BAT	5,447
Barclays	1,032
Bass	499
Beecham	454
Beazer	996
Berisfd SW	n/a
BICC	702
Blue Arrow	19
Blue Circle	714
BOC	1,472
Boots	975
BPB	4,427
Br Aero	1,495
Br Airways	3,850
Br Comm	2,274
Br Gas	7,400
Br Petrol	3,026
Br Telecm	11,591
Britoil	5
Bunzl	723
Burmah	970
Burton	563
C&W	5,705
Cadbury	15,609
Coats	1,095
CU	2,419
Cons Gold	843
Cookson	728
Courtaulds	2,002
Dalgety	197
Dee	1,023
Dixons	295
ECC	784
Enterprise	1,059
Ferranti	21,147
Fisons	2,538
FKI Babck	n/a
Gen Acc	821
GEC	11,896
Glaxo	1,621
Globe Inv	154
Glynwed	n/a
Granada	207
Grand Met	2,653
GUS 'A'	1,384
GRE	62
GKN	2,834
Guinness	3,738
Hamm 'A'	1
Hanson	4,296
Hawker	1,117
Hillsdown	840
IMI	564
ICI	1,577
Inchcape	284
Jaguar	1,265
Lasmo	3,900
Ladbroke	1,679
Land Sec	220
Laporte	8
L&G	2,317
Lloyds	221
Lonrho	527
Lucas	612
Magnet	513
M&S	781
Maxwell Cm	1,399
MEPC	679
Metal Box	943
Midland	2,401
NatWest	1,164
Next	431
Nth Food	2,544
P&O	243
Pearl	1,019
Pearson	302
Pilkington	3,231
Plessey	8,963
Prudential	409
Racal	65,607
Rk Hovis	798
Rank	87
R&C	389
Redland	219
Reed	1,041
Reuters	1,152
RMC Gp	159
RTZ	2,181
R-Royce	5,188
Rothmn 'B'	413
Rowntree	11,686
Royal Bank	480
Royal Ins	2,652
Saatchi	178
Sainsbury	739
Scot & N	590
Sears	552
Sedgwick	646
Shell	1,423
Smith & N	812
Smith WH	15
Smiths Ind	n/a
STC	7,149
Stan Chart	352
Storehse	328
Sun Allnce	383
T & N	8
Tarmac	3,365
Tate & Lyle	282
TSB	1,118
Tesco	4,098
Thorn EMI	1,297
Trafalgar	903
THF	656
Ultramar	8,022
Unigate	298
Unilever	1,134
United Bis	2,985
Utd News	680
Wellcome	468
Whitbrd	691
Williams	281
Willis Fab	246
Wimpey G	461
Woolworth	744

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LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon (*422)	360	65	72	–	5	10	–
	390	44	53	63	13	20	25
	420	25	37	47	28	35	40
Bass (*851)	800	75	97	110	13	20	33
	850	42	65	77	35	43	55
	900	22	42	54	65	72	82
Brit Air (*157)	140	21	25	28	4½	8	10
	160	8	13	18	15	17	22
	180	2½	7	10	30	32	33
Brit Com (*270)	280	13	20	28	25	30	35
	300	7	12	18	40	43	48
	330	3	7	–	67	70	–
Brit Gas (*174)	170	12½	16½	–	6½	11	–
	180	8	11	17	12	16	17
	200	3	5	9½	27	30	31
BP (*274)	240	39	44	–	2½	7	–
	260	25	30	37	8	14	17
	280	14	19	27	19	24	27
Britoil (*515)	460	70	77	–	3	6	–
	500	35	45	–	8	15	–
Cons Gold (*938)	850	145	180	–	25	55	–
	900	110	150	190	45	75	90
	950	85	125	160	70	100	115
Courtauld (*384)	300	93	102	–	2	7	–
	330	65	77	87	7	14	20
	360	43	60	65	16	25	30
	390	28	43	58	32	40	50
Com Union (*338)	300	50	58	60	5	11	17
	330	28	35	38	13	22	27
	360	13	20	25	30	38	42
C & W (*342)	300	55	65	73	8	13	20
	330	30	43	50	16	23	33
	360	14	27	35	32	40	50
GEC (*153)	140	20	23	26	3	8	10
	160	7½	13	15	13	18	20
	180	2½	5	–	30	32	–
GKN (*309)	280	41	45	51	7	13	16
	300	27	33	39	13	19	23
	330	13	20	27	28	35	39
Grand Met (*490)	420	83	90	–	3	8	–
	460	50	60	75	11	18	23
	500	25	37	52	27	35	38
	550	9	20	–	63	65	–
ICI (*985)	950	65	100	129	30	52	60
	1000	57	77	101	57	75	83
	1050	37	–	–	87	–	–
	1100	21	40	–	120	143	–
Jaguar (*279)	260	31	40	48	8	15	17
	280	20	28	38	18	24	28
	300	11	21	27	30	37	40
Land Sec (*567)	500	72	83	93	8	15	18
	550	35	52	65	22	30	35
	600	13	25	35	50	56	62
M & S (*177)	160	21	26	30	4	7	9
	180	10	15	20	11	16	19
	200	4	9	12	28	31	33
R-Royce (*112)	100	17	20	23	2½	6	7
	110	10½	13	18	6	9	11
	120	5½	9	13	13	15	17
STC (*258)	220	45	51	53	3	6	10
	240	28	36	39	7	13	18
	260	17	22	25	17	22	26
Sainsbury (*237)	220	25	32	36	5	7	11
	240	13	19	24	13	16	20
	260	5	10	14	26	30	32
Shell (*1065)	1000	105	127	155	23	42	50
	1050	75	–	–	40	–	–
	1100	47	70	103	67	88	95
Storehse (*281)	240	50	57	–	9	15	–
	260	38	45	53	19	25	28
	280	27	35	43	28	35	42
Trafalgar (*327)	300	30	42	47	8	13	18
	330	16	23	28	22	27	32
	360	7	12	16	45	48	53
TSB (*102)	100	7½	10	14	5	7	8
	110	3½	5½	8	12	13	14
	120	1½	3	–	20	21	–
Ultramar (*298)	240	58	65	70	2½	6½	9
	260	46	47	56	6½	12	14
	280	32	38	45	14	19	23
Woolworth (*286)	260	35	43	50	9	16	17
	280	23	30	40	18	23	25
	300	13	22	30	30	33	37

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Amstrad (*161)	140	25	31	34	3	7	9
	160	12	21	22	12	15	15
	180	4	13	15	25	27	29
Barclays (*437)	420	30	40	50	10	22	28
	460	10	20	32	33	45	50
	500	2½	10	17	70	77	80
Beecham (*482)	420	68	75	85	1½	10	16
	460	35	48	60	10	23	30
	500	15	27	40	30	43	50
	550	3½	–	–	72	–	–
Boots (*238)	200	39	43	48	2½	6	10
	220	23	29	35	5	14	18
	240	10	19	23	15	24	28
BTR (*258)	240	25	35	38	4	9	13
	260	13	23	28	14	19	21
	280	4	13	17	27	31	33
Blue Circ (*420)	420	23	40	52	22	30	37
	460	8	22	33	48	55	63
	500	3	14	22	85	88	93
Dixons (*176)	160	22	28	32	3	7	10
	180	10	16	22	13	17	20
	200	4	10	12	28	32	34
Glaxo (*937)	950	38	73	90	45	65	80
	1000	18	53	67	80	95	110
	1050	9	38	–	120	130	–
	1100	4	25	37	170	170	180
Hanson (*127)	120	10½	14½	18	3	6	8
	130	4½	9	13	7	10½	13
	140	2	6	9	15	17½	19
	160	½	2	4	34	34½	35
Hawker (*487)	460	33	45	55	13	25	32
	500	13	25	35	40	45	50
	550	5	13	18	82	87	92
Lonhro (*211)	189	27	30	34	3	6	8
	206	15	20	24	7	12	14
	223	6	11	14	16	21	27
	240	2½	5½	–	30	34	–
Midland (*383)	360	35	47	52	7	17	22
	390	13	28	35	20	35	40
	420	7	15	23	45	55	60
Sears (*134)	120	17	21	25	2½	6	8
	130	8½	15	19	6	11	13
	140	4½	10	14	13	16	18
Tesco (*152)	140	16	24	28	3	7	9
	160	6	12	18	14	16	19
	180	2	6	9	31	32	34
Thorn EMI (*632)	500	140	150	–	2	8	–
	550	92	107	120	4	15	25
	600	52	72	80	12	30	42
	650	28	40	55	40	57	70
THF (*232)	220	18	25	33	4	10	13
	240	7	15	22	14	20	24
	260	2½	7	10	32	36	40
Unilever (*457)	460	20	40	52	20	30	36
	500	8	24	33	48	53	58
	550	2	11	–	87	98	–
Wellcome (*460)	420	53	75	88	9	23	30
	460	28	53	65	25	45	50
	500	13	35	48	50	63	70

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
BAA (*111)	100	14	21	30	3	10	12
	110	7½	15	25	6	15	17
	120	3½	12	20	12	20	23
Brit Aero (*404)	330	76	85	95	1	5	10
	360	47	62	73	2½	11	20
	390	24	42	53	7	20	32
	420	6	25	37	23	35	45
BAT Ind (*419)	390	33	48	57	3	13	22
	420	12	30	40	14	25	33
	450	3	15	25	45	50	58
	500	1½	7	15	85	88	93
Brit Tele (*250)	220	31	37	42	1	5	8
	240	12	21	29	3	12	15
	260	3½	12	17	13	23	25
Cadbury (*353)	260	95	103	110	1	5	8
	280	75	85	93	2	7	12
	300	58	70	82	4	12	18
Guinness (*315)	260	57	–	68	1	–	5
	280	37	–	52	2	–	12
	300	17	–	38	5	–	20
Ladbroke (*408)	300	110	112	–	1	1	–
	330	80	83	88	1	3	6
	360	50	55	62	1	8	15
LASMO (*408)	280	130	130	140	1	3	7
	300	110	110	123	2	5	9
	330	80	85	98	3	9	15
Pilkington (*215)	200	20	24	32	3	11	14
	220	7	14	21	10	22	26
	240	2	8	12	28	35	40
	260	1	4	–	48	52	–
Plessey (*163)	140	26	31	36	1½	7	9
	160	10	18	24	6	14	19
	180	4	8½	15	21	28	31
P & O (*583)	550	42	62	70	8	20	25
	600	9	32	45	28	42	60
	650	3	17	25	72	77	87
Prudential (*794)	800	23	60	73	22	40	57
	850	6	40	50	65	70	85
	900	3	20	32	110	115	125
Racal (*321)	200	123	126	135	1	1	3
	220	103	106	115	1	3	6
	240	83	88	97	1	7	12
RTZ (*370)	300	72	80	–	2	7	–
	330	42	57	70	3	18	22
	360	18	40	50	11	28	35
	380	8	–	–	25	–	–
Vaal Reefs (*87)	80	11	14	17	2	6	8
	90	3	9	11	7	12	14
	100	1½	5	7	15	20	22
Tr 12% 1995 (*112)	110	2 23/32	2 23/32	2 29/32	5/32	11/16	1 5/16
	112	7/32	27/32	1 3/16	29/32	1½	2½
	114	3/32	11/16	½	2 7/16	3 1/16	3 9/16
	116	1/16	3/32	5/16	4½	4¾	5 9/16
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*118)	114	4 3/16	–	–	¼	–	–
	116	2 7/16	–	–	½	–	–
	118	1¼	–	–	1¼	–	–
	120	15/32	–	–	2¾	–	–
	122	3/16	–	–	4 5/16	–	–

FT-SE INDEX (*1905)

Series	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
1650	158	160	170	180	½	9	17	24
1700	106	113	128	142	1	16	27	36
1750	56	75	92	108	1½	28	43	53
1800	8	40	62	76	8	50	63	77
1850	½	20	38	55	50	60	95	105
1900	½	9	23	37	100	118	130	138
1950	½	5	13	24	150	163	170	175

April 28, 1988 Total: 42024 Calls 33502 Puts 8522 FT-SE: Calls 1594 Puts 2578
*Underlying security price.

Witwatersrand Nigel Limited

Company registration number 05/04523/06

Report for the quarter ended 31 March 1988

Issued share capital: 15 366 407 shares of 25 cents each

	Quarter ended 31 March 1988	Quarter ended 31 December 1987	Year ended 31 December 1987
Operations			
Tons treated	**109 000**	110 000	442 000
Yield (g/t)	**2,32**	2,44	2,47
Production (kg)	**253**	269	1 094
Revenue (R/ton treated)	**69,43**	74,84	72,55
Cost (R/ton treated)	**90,41**	122,07	88,96
Working loss (R/ton treated)	**(20,98)**	(47,23)	(16,41)
Average gold price received (R/kg)	**29 913**	30 602	29 310
Cost (R/kg produced)	**38 953**	49 918	35 942
Working loss (R/kg produced)	**(9 040)**	(19 316)	(6 632)
Financial results	**R000**	R000	R000
Revenue from gold produced	**7 568**	8 232	32 065
Less: Working costs	**9 855**	13 428	39 321
Working loss	**(2 287)**	(5 196)	(7 256)
Less: Other income/(expenditure)	**58**	(552)	(256)
Net loss before taxation	**(2 229)**	(5 748)	(7 512)
Taxation	**(29)**	71	–
Net loss after taxation	**(2 258)**	(5 677)	(7 512)
Provision for state aid	–	4 854	6 689
Net loss after taxation and state aid	**(2 258)**	(823)	(823)
Capital expenditure	**174**	913	1 592
Development results			
Advance – m	**2 932,1**	2 392,2	6 122,7
On reef – m	**2 004,8**	1 369,9	3 480,3
Sampled – m	**1 562,5**	1 014,1	2 674,6
Payable – m	**507,0**	306,0	801,0
% payable	**32,5**	30,2	30,0
Value g/t	**14,9**	21,1	20,7
Channel width – cm	**43**	43	47
– cm g/t	**640**	907	971

Comments

1. Measures are being implemented to increase recovery grade by means of steps being taken to reduce underground dilution.
2. Exploration is being undertaken on the outcrop areas of the Kimberley reef.
3. The unexpended portion of committed capital expenditure amounts to R430 000.

For and on behalf of the board

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Company registration number 71/05448/06

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per **L W Helen**

29 April 1988

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Financial Investigations Unit

We have established this Unit to provide legal advice and assistance in relation to

- fraud investigations
- alleged financial offences (including insider dealing)
- regulatory matters arising out of financial services legislation

The operational head of the Unit is David Kirk, who has had many years experience in the Fraud Division of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

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A-Day: a new dawn for investors

From today, investors have the backing of new legislation on financial services – but they must ask the right questions if they are to exploit their opportunities.

By Vivien Goldsmith, Family Money Editor

Today is A-Day when investors can look to the Financial Services Act for protection.

As Professor Jim Gower – who wrote the report that laid the foundations for the Act – said: the law can never stop the fool and his money being parted, but it should prevent the sensible man being made a fool.

For all its flaws, the Act is a triumph for investor protection. It sets up a framework that should ensure reasonable standards of behaviour from everyone handling the public's investments.

The Gower report was commissioned when City scandals were rife. When Norton Warburg failed, taking huge sums of clients' money with it, it was said many investors were former Bank of England employees, and pressure from this influential band lit the blue touch paper that stretched from 1981 to today.

The keynote of the Act is that the City institutions are entrusted with regulating their own behaviour and standards through a network of bodies emanating from the Securities and Investments Board, which in its turn takes its authority from the Department of Trade and Industry.

These bodies have had to write lengthy rulebooks to guide their members – but the most testing safeguard is that every organization and individual handling investment money will have to be authorized (hence A-Day).

So the first questions any investor should ask someone proffering investment advice or products is: Are you registered? And with whom? This is simple to check. A call to the body itself will confirm the information, which is also on Prestel, available at many public libraries.

Unfortunately, the timetable for the implementation of the Act has slipped. More than 7,000 of those who managed to apply for authorization by the February deadline had not yet had their membership processed by yesterday. So many operators are now working with interim authorization. More than 30,000 investment outfits have passed through the authorization tests.

The compensation fund, which will pay out if all the checks are insufficient to stop a firm losing a client's money fraudulently, will not begin operating until August at the earliest.

Investment houses have had to appoint compliance officers responsible for seeing the Act is implemented, contracts and forms have had to be re-written, and computer systems have had to be changed.

In the end, of course, it is the investors who will end up paying for all this regulation.

One of the most profound changes comes from the polarization of all businesses into either completely free independent advisers able to choose any product, and tied agents selling only the products of one company.

This rule has been particularly inconvenient for the high street banks, which managed both to appear as impartial financial advisers and to sell their own range of unit trusts and insurance-related investments. Only the National Westminster Bank has decided to become an independent adviser.

Clients should always be sure whether they are dealing with an independent or a tied salesman. The independent advisers have the backing of a multi-million pound advertising campaign paid for by the 14 leading insurance companies, which rely on these independents for their sales.

The Act requires all salesmen to know their clients, so that they offer the most appropriate investments. Under the "best advice" rule they will have to be able to justify recommending a particular company or product. And they will have to secure the best possible terms.

At last, investment advisers will have to keep clients' money separate from their own funds, so that if disaster should strike the company, investors' funds will not go down with the company.

WHERE TO TAKE YOUR COMPLAINTS

Securities and Investments Board

SIB, 3 Royal Exchange Buildings London EC3V 3NL (01 929 3652) to check whether a firm is authorized. Other inquiries (01 283 2474)

Self-regulatory Organizations

Association of Futures Brokers and Dealers (01 626 9763)
Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Reg Assn (01 929 2711)
Investment Management Regulatory Org (01 379 0601)
The Securities Association (01 256 9000)
Life Assurance and Unit Trust Reg Org (01 379 0444)

Recognized Professional Bodies

The Law Society of England and Wales (01 242 1222
The Law Society of Scotland (Edinburgh) (031 2267411)
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (01 628 7060)
The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland (Edinburgh) (031 2255673)
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland (Dublin) (0001 680400)
Insurance Brokers Registration Council (01 588 4387)
Institute of Actuaries (01 242 0106)
Chartered Assn of Certified Accountants (01 242 6855)
Law Society of Northern Ireland (Belfast) (0232 231614)

Protecting the investor: Lord Young of Graffham

Young launches a new computerized protection system

By Colin Narbrough

Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, yesterday made clear that as the new laws governing the financial services sector come into force today, attention has shifted away from the regulators and practitioners to the investors.

Protecting the investor was the main purpose of the Financial Services Act, which provides the new regulatory framework, but continued attention had to be given to ensuring that the new rules did not stifle competition, he said. That too was in the investors' interest.

He was speaking at the launch of the Investor Protection Register, the computerized information system that allows the public to discover via teletext whether investment businesses are authorized.

From today it will be a criminal offence to conduct investment business without proper authorization.

Assuring the small investor that it is safe to invest in Britain has been an important part of the Government's strategy to encourage wider ownership of shares, Lord Young said.

Sir Kenneth Berrill, the outgoing chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, said the authorization process had taken longer than expected, which meant that a large number of firms would continue to operate on interim basis.

Asked why the IPR would not provide the names of indivuals in investment business, Sir Kenneth said he regretted that the ACT did not require this.

But Lord Elton, chairman of the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Organization, one of the five self-regulating organizations, said SROs kept lists of individuals which offered the necessary insight. Worried investors could check by calling the appropriate SRO.

Downfall for the unscrupulous advisers

The new rules are intended to *protect those who entrust others* with the task of investing their savings and to put out of business the incompetent or the dishonest.

The small investors who lost £9 million when McDonald Wheeler, the licensed investment firm, collapsed in 1986 know about the problems of putting funds in the wrong hands.

When the Canterbury firm was wound up by the Department of Trade and Industry it was discovered that not only had the company taken £1.3 million of its 1,000 investors' money in management charges, but had also put £4.3 million into a string of private companies.

Investors may, if they are lucky, receive 30p in the *pound, acording to the* accountant who is trying to

Property buys: Keith Hunt

salvage something from a string of commercially ill-judged ventures.

Even though McDonald *Wheeler investors appeared to* be protected against loss through negligent advice, the insurance company would not pay out. Key executives, *including Mr John Wheeler*, the owner of the business,

Life of Riley: Justin Frewen

disappeared from Britain and refused *to* co-operate with investigators.

Justin Frewen, an old *Etonian, treated other people's* savings like counters on a board game according to the judge who jailed him to two years. In the preceding two *years, Frewen, then in his mid*-twenties, had "lived a life of Riley". He flew all over the world, *dined at exclusive res*taurants, wore handmade shirts and spent thousands on no-expenses spared parties.

When Frewen's company, Imperial Commodities finally failed, creditors and savers were owed £500,000.

Some victims were well-*known like Colin Cowdrey, the* former England cricket captain. Some, like the members of the rock band, Pink Floyd, were extremely wealthy and *lost £2.5 million* when Norton Warburg, their advisers, collapsed in 1981. Investors lost about £5 million in the demise of a group which had excellent credentials and the approval of no less exalted an institution than the Bank of England.

The Bank allowed Norton Warburg *the privilege of* advising those of its staff who were about to retire on how to make *sensible financial* decisions about their future.

The regulators never really had a chance to find out what *went wrong* at Exchange Securities and Commodities. Mr Keith Hunt, its secretive founder and guru, the 20 stone law graduate, disappeared in 1983 and *no-one* has been able to trace him since. About £11 million also went missing.

Hunt a former Manchester University law graduate caused grief for many of his 2,000 clients who were drawn to the highly risky commodity markets by Hunt's promises of *fast and substantial profits.* Eventually Hunt began using clients' cash to set up companies and buy property. His only known luxury was a *collection of paintings*, valued at £1.4 million.

Bellway half-time profit up to £3.3m

By Our City Staff

Bellway, the Newcastle group, has added to the growing ranks of housebuilders reporting bumper figures with interim pretax profits for the six months to end-January up 51 per cent to £3.3 million.

Sales advanced from £31.2 million to £35.3 million. Despite the significant jump in profits, the interim dividend was unchanged at 3p per share. However, the directors intend to review the rate of the final dividend payment at the full-year stage.

Mr Kenneth Bell, the chairman, pointed to Bellway's extensive geographical coverage which gives the group exposure to buoyant trading areas throughout the country.

"A plentiful supply of mortgages at reasonable interest rates, and an abundance of buyers, makes us optimistic about current trading prospects," he said. "Longer-term strategic planning is providing a great deal of confidence for the future", he added.

Mr Bell felt the buoyancy which had previously characterized the South-eastern market was spreading into the rest of the country. This, he anticipated, should push house prices in the provinces higher and add to operating margins.

Bellway's operating margins widened half-year on half-year from 9.3 per cent to 11.4.

The 1987-88 *results* included a contribution from the Golding Group, acquired last year, which operates in Essex, Hertfordshire and the West Midlands. The 1986-87 results have been restated to include Golding's figures.

£11m rise for Norsk Hydro

By Martin Waller

Norsk Hydro, the oil and chemicals group which is Norway's largest publicly-quoted company, raised pretax profits in the first quarter of 1988 to 1.7 billion Norwegian kroner (£153.2 million), up 128 million kroner (£11 million).

Total revenues were up 909 million kroner to 14,698 million kroner. Operating income from agriculture soared – from 33 million kroner to 434 million kroner. Income from oil and gas more than halved from 805 million kroner to 386 million kroner.

But, in contrast, the light metals and petrochemicals divisions both more than doubled their income, with increases of 143 per cent and 168 per cent respectively.

WH Smith wins £25m newspaper contracts

By Alexandra Jackson

WH Smith Group has won an additional £25 million worth of newspaper wholesale contracts at competitive tender from Mirror Group Newspapers, Mail Newspapers Group, Express Newspapers, the Observer and the Telegraph papers.

This increases significantly Smith's share of Sunday newspaper distribution in England and Wales, from 5 per cent to 15 per cent, while marginally adding to its market share in the distribution of daily newspapers in England and Wales, which now stands at around 35 per cent.

WH Smith recently lost an estimated £40 million in annual sales when the distribution of News International newspaper titles was rearranged. *The award of these* new contracts has done much to make up the shortfall.

Daily and Sunday newspaper distribution accounts for about half of WH Smith's total wholesaling turnover of £500 million a year.

Acquisitions lift Molynx

Molynx Holdings, the closed-circuit television equipment maker, raised its profits 52 per cent to £509,000 in calendar 1987, helped by its two acquisitions made last August.

Sales increased by 50 per cent to £3.8 million. The board said the two purchases, Videmech and APS Sheet Metal, were contributing well to profits, with another good year expected in 1988.

The year's dividend is increased to 1.75p, from 1.5p.

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Annual General Meeting
Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 158th Annual General Meeting of the National Mutual Life Assurance Society will be held at The Priory, Priory Park, Hitchin, Hertfordshire on Tuesday, the 31st day of May 1988, at noon for the following purposes:

to receive and consider the Directors' Report, the Accounts for 1987 and the Auditors' Report thereon;

to re-elect Directors;

to re-appoint the Auditors and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.

A member qualified to vote at the above meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on a poll instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Society.

By order of the Board

W. P. Jackson
Secretary
29 April 1988

Hoechst

Invitation to the
Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that
the Annual General Meeting
will be held at 10 a. m., on Tuesday, 7th June 1988,
at the Jahrhunderthalle Hoechst,
Frankfurt am Main

Agenda

1. Presentation of the Accounts and situation report of Hoechst Aktiengesellschaft for 1987, with the Report of the Supervisory Board, and the Hoechst Group Accounts and situation report for 1987.
2. Allocation of the profit available for dividend.

It is proposed to pay a dividend of DM 10.– and an anniversary bonus of DM 1.– per share of DM 50.– nominal for the financial year 1987.

3. Ratification of the actions of the Board of Management for 1987.
4. Ratification of the actions of the Supervisory Board for 1987.
5. *Election of the Supervisory Board.*
6. Authorization to the Board of Management to issue loan stocks carrying rights of subscription for shares of Hoechst AG and resolution concerning a conditional increase of the share capital by DM 250 million.
7. Election of auditors for the financial year 1988.

The full agenda, including the proposed resolutions, is contained in the Bundesanzeiger no. 80 of 28th April, 1988.

Shareholders wishing to be present and to vote at the Meeting must comply with Article 14 of the Articles of Association and deposit their share certificates during *usual business hours by Friday, 3rd June 1988, at the* latest until after the Meeting, at one of the depositories listed in the Bundesanzeiger no. 80 of 28th April 1988, or, in the United Kingdom, at the offices of

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London EC2M 2PA

Hoechst Aktiengesellschaft
Frankfurt am Main, April 1988

STOCK MARKET

Oil shares boosted by takeover fever

The current wave of bid fever sweeping the stock market switched to the oil sector last night amid reports that several of the second line oil exploration groups were about to come under the hammer.

Ultramar and rival **London & Scottish Marine Oil** were both being napped as possible targets and stood out in after hours' trading with double-figure gains.

Lasmo led the way higher with a rise of 26p to a new peak of 410p on suggestions *that RTZ, the mining finance* house, had sold part of its near 30 per cent holding to Atlantic Richfield, the US oil group, which recently bought Tricentrol after losing to BP in the battle for control of Britoil. Arco has made no secret of its wish to buy more British oil exploration companies.

But Mr David Ferguson, a director of Lasmo, said: "We have been informed that large chunks of shares have been changing hands through the market. Apart from the RTZ stake, which I know nothing about, there have been some large stakes on the move."

Ultramar also ended the day 26p dearer at 410p as 8 million shares were traded on reports that Mr Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur, who already owns 13 per cent of the shares, had been offered 400p a share for his holding. Stockbrokers reckon that a full bid will follow, valuing Ultramar at £1.1 billion.

Investors adopted a cautious stance ahead of today's British trade figures which are expected to throw up a current account deficit of £500 million.

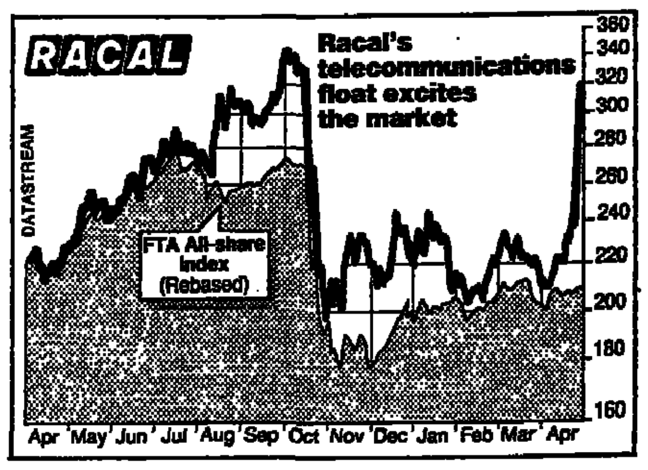
Talk of a rights issue from ICI, accompanying its first-quarter figures, proved wide of the mark. The group weighed in with pretax profits at the top end of brokers' estimates of £358 million (£334 million).

But ICI's performance failed to generate much business. Interest was confined to special situations.

The FT-SE 100 share index recovered an early fall of nearly 11 points to stand 2.8 points higher at about midday before drifting off late as Wall Street showed an early loss to finish 2.3 points down at 1,804.4. The FT 30 share index closed 4.2 points lower at 1,444.7.

Profits from Racal quickly found their way back into the market-place via rival Plessey. Fund managers claim that Plessey has been left behind. One big buyer mopped up 1.4 million shares at 164p. The price responded with a 7p rise to 168p and should hit 174p in the short-term.

Gilt-edged securities lost £⅝ as fears grew that a poor set of trade figures today could signal an upturn in interest rates.



BPB Industries, the building materials group, closed at overnight levels of 280p on a turnover of more than 2 million shares.

Late stories doing the rounds in the market last night said that BPB was about to launch a counter-bid for United States Gypsum, currently the target of a $42-a-share offer from someone else.

The brightest spot of the day was the news that **Racal Electronics** is considering *floating off its telecommunications division, which in*cludes Vodaphone, into a separate company. The Racal share price responded with a rise of 72p to 318p as 65 million shares changed hands.

City analysts estimate that the float-off could value the telecom business at £950 million compared with £640 million for the rest of the business.

But a number of New York securities houses are claiming that if the rating matched that of most US telecommunications companies, its value would be worth nearer £2 billion. Dividing the worth of both companies by the shares in issue, investors can arrive at a value of about 400p a share.

The timing of the announcement from Sir Ernest Harrison, the chairman, *clearly took the City by sur*prise. Some dealers claim that it is a defensive manoeuvre, forced on Racal after receiving an unwanted advance from Siemens, the West German industrial company. There is talk that it is prepared to offer up to 450p a share.

Racal has been a dull market of late — along with the rest of the electronics sector — with profits failing to match market expectations. Analysts are looking for pretax profits of £137 million for the current year compared with £100.3 million last time.

THORN EMI was again a firm market, advancing by 5p to 631p, on persistent speculation that Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, had taken a sizeable holding in the company.

Shares of **P&P**, the computer distribution company chaired by Professor Roland Smith, made an encouraging start to trading on the big board.

Placed at 175p by J Henry Schroder Wagg & Co, they opened at 184p and moved narrowly to close at 182p, an opening premium of 7p.

Expect news soon of a boardroom reshuffle at Baldwin, the printer and concrete supplier. The word is that Mr David Landau, the chairman, has just approved the appointement of a new chief executive from Kennedy Brookes. Baldwin responded to the news with a rise of 1p to 148p.

Meanwhile, investors are taking the view that the insurance sector will be the next to attract overseas predators.

Royal Insurance, the biggest British-based, non-life insurer, was chased up to 429p at one stage before closing 12p higher at 425p on a turnover of 2.3 million shares.

Buyers' appetites were whetted by talk that Mr John Spalvins's Adelaide Steamship was on the verge of selling, its 6 per cent stake in the company to Winterthur, a Swiss group.

Dealers remain sceptical and said that it was hardly likely that Mr Spalvins would sell his stake at current market levels and incur a heavy loss. He paid more than £5 a share for his Royal shareholding last year.

Commercial Union, Britain's second largest composite insurer and a regular takeover favourite — in which Adelaide Steamship also retains a strategic holding — rose by 5p to 338p as more than 2 million shares changed hands.

Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, anticipates a strong bounce in the shares ahead of the first-quarter figures next month and is forecasting £46 million against £28.2 million last year.

Cable and Wireless returned to favour with a rise of *12p at 343p. Nearly 6 million* shares changed hands as whispers in the market suggested that the company was considering placing 5 per cent of its shareholding in Hong Kong Telecom.

Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

NEW YORK

Dow dips 8 points in early trading

(Reuter) — Shares were broadly lower in early trading yesterday with blue chips recouping some opening losses. Mr Michael Metz, an Oppenheimer market strategist, said that the drop in jobless claims may have incited fears that the economy is overheating and that the Federal Reserve may tighten interest rates. First-time jobless claims fell to 275,000 in the week ended April 16 from 314,000 in the previous week.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell by 8 points to 2,039.91 after dropping as low as 2,036. Declining shares outnumbered rising ones by two to one.

Ford fell by ¼ to 47% despite a report of record first-quarter earnings which exceeded analysts' expectations.

On Wednesday, the Dow average closed 3.15 up at 2,047.91.

TOKYO

Bargain-hunting lifts Nikkei to record level

(Reuter) — Share prices closed sharply up on active bargain-hunting yesterday after Wednesday's fall, taking the Nikkei average to a new peak, despite the overnight passage of a sweeping trade bill by the US Senate, brokers said.

The Nikkei average climbed 242.15 points, or 0.89 per cent, to a record 27,434.12. It lost 54.80 points on Wednesday.

Advancing shares led declining issues by five to two on turnover of 800 million shares against 750 million the previous day.

Communications, securities house, electrical, bank, pharma-ceutical, credit-lease, airline, warehouse and service shares gained ground.

Only some manufacturing and rolling stocks fell slightly.

SYDNEY

Shares rise in hesitant trade

(Reuter) — Share prices closed higher yesterday, but brokers said the market's improved performance did little to dispel hesitation among buyers and sellers.

The All-Ordinaries index gained 6.2 points to close at 1,449.8 and the All-Industrials index rose 10.9 points to finish at 2,329.1.

Volume totalled 123.5 million shares. Advancing issues outnumbered declining shares by 255 to 220.

HONG KONG

Prices slip in quiet market

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The Hang Seng index eased 3.88 points to close at 2,588.14 on turnover of 913.85 million against Wednesday's 837.90 million.

Among leaders, Jardine Matheson eased 20 cents to HK$12.40, Cheung Kong 10 cents to HK$7.40, and Hutchison Whampoa 5 cents to HK$8.40.

WALL STREET

	Apr 27	Apr 26		Apr 27	Apr 26		Apr 27	Apr 26
AMR Cp	42%	43½	Fedders	8%	8%	Pennzoil	75%	75%
ASA	45%	45%	Firestone	80	79%	Pepsico	36	36%
Aetna Life	42%	43½	Fst Chicago	26¼	26%	Pfizer	56%	57%
Allied Signal	31¼	31%	Fst Int Bncp	43	43%	Phelps Dod	40	40
Allis Chlm	1	1	Fst Penn C	10%	11	Philip Mor	89%	87%
Alcoa	45%	45%	FT Wachva	37%	37%	Philip Ptrl	18	17%
Amax Inc	21%	20%	Ford Motor	47%	46%	Polaroid	30%	30%
AMR Hess	31%	31¼	GAF Cp	50%	50%	Primerica	25%	25%
Am Brands	44¼	44%	GTE Cp	35%	35%	Proct Gble	78%	78%
Am Cynmd	48½	48%	Gen Cp	18¼	17%	Pub SE Gr	22%	22%
Am Ele Pwr	26%	26%	Gn Dynam	54%	54%	R Nabisco	52%	52%
Amexs	23%	24¼	Gen Electric	40%	40%	Raytheon	66¼	66%
Am Family	15¼	15%	Gen Inst	31¼	30%	Rynlds Metl	45%	45%
Am Home	78%	78%	Gen Mills	47%	47%	Rockwell Int	18%	18%
Am Int Grp	52½	53%	Gen Motors	76%	76%	Royal Dutch	122%	23
Am Stand	77¼	77%	Gen Pub Ut	32¼	32%	SFE Sopac	16	16%
Am Teleph	26%	26%	Genesco	4%	4%	Sara Lee	39%	40%
Amoco Cp	79%	79	Georgia Pac	40%	40%	Schlumb	38%	38
Anheuser B	31%	31½	Gillette	41%	41¼	Scott Paper	37%	37½
Armco Steel	11%	11%	Goodrich	51%	50%	Seagram	53%	52¼
Asarco Inc	24	23%	Goodyear	64%	65%	Sears Roeb	36%	36%
Ashland Oil	70%	70%	Gould Inc	11%	10%	Shell Trans	79%	78%
Atl Richfld	89%	89¼	Grace Co	28	27%	Singer	n.a	n.a
Avon Prod	23%	23%	Grt Atl Pac	35%	36%	Smith Beck	54%	54%
Bk Boston	24%	24%	Greyhnd	30	30	Sony Cp	44¼	44¼
Bank NY	31¼	31%	Gruman	21%	21%	Sth Cal Edi	30%	31%
Bankamer	10%	10%	Gulf & West	76%	76%	SW Bell	35%	36%
Bkrs Tst NY	30%	30%	Heinz	41%	41%	Squibb	59%	61%
Baxter	22¼	22%	Hercules	49%	49½	Sterl Drug	n.a	n.a
Beth Steel	20%	20%	Hewlett Pk	62%	62½	Stevens JP	68	67%
Boeing	47%	46%	Honeywell	70%	70%	Sun Comp	59%	60%
Boise Casc	45½	46%	IC Ind	35%	34%	TRW Inc	43½	43%
Borden	54%	54	ITT Cp	46%	46%	Teledyne	330½	332
Bristl Meyr	40%	41%	INCO	28%	29¼	Tenneco	44	43%
BP	62¼	62¼	Ing Rand Wi	38	38%	Texaco	48	48%
Brunswick	23¼	23%	Inland Steel	33%	33%	Tex Eastn	28%	28%
Burl Nth	68%	68%	IBM	113%	14%	Texas Inst	48%	48%
CBS	151%	152%	Int Paper	43½	43%	Tex Util	25%	25%
Cms Engy	17%	17%	Irving Bk	62%	62%	Textron	25¼	25%
CPC Int	50¼	50%	Jhsn & Jhsn	77%	79%	Travelers	34%	34%
CSX Cp	29	29%	K Mart	33%	34%	USG	42	40%
Camp Soup	27%	27%	Kaisertech	14%	14½	USX Cp	31%	32%
Can Pacific	19%	19%	Kerr McGee	37%	37%	Unilever Plc	35%	34%
Caterpillar	63%	63%	Kimbrly Clrk	54%	54%	Un Carbide	23%	22%
Centrl SW	31½	31%	Kraft	53%	54	Un Pac Cp	65%	66%
Champion	34%	34½	Kroger	32	32%	Unisys Cp	34%	34%
Chase Man	25%	24%	LTV Cp	3%	3½	Utd Brands	48%	48%
Chem NY	24%	24%	Litton	82%	84	Us West	53%	53%
Chevron	49%	48%	Lockheed	45	44¼	Utd Tech	40%	39%
Chrysler	23%	23%	Lucky Str	56%	55½	Unocal	37%	36%
Citicorp	20%	20%	Man H'nver	25%	25%	Warn Lamb	68%	69%
Clark Eq	31¼	31½	Manville	2¼	2¼	Wells Far	53½	52½
Coca Cola	38¼	38%	Mapco	57	55%	Westg El	53%	52%
Colgate	40%	40%	Marriott	29%	29%	Weyerher	38%	38½
Columb Gas	28%	29	Mt Marrieta	42%	43%	Whirlpool	24%	25%
Cmb'tn Eng	31%	31¼	Masco	27	27%	Woolworth	55%	55%
Cmwlth Edi	24¼	24%	Mcdonalds	43¼	43¼	Xerox Cp	54%	54¼
Cons Edis	43	43%	McDonnell	64%	64%	Zenith	21¼	20%
Consol Ng	38%	36%	Mead Cp	37%	37%			
Cont Data	24%	24%	Merck	158%	58%	CANADIAN PRICES		
Corning Gl	50%	51	Minsta Mng	60%	60%			
Crane	29%	30%	Mobil	47%	47%	Agnco Eag	19	18%
Curtiss Wrt	50%	50%	Monsanto	82%	82¼	Alcan Alum	35%	35½
Data Genl	23¼	23%	Morgan Jp	32%	32	Algoma Stl	19%	0.00
Deere Co	46%	46%	Motorola	49%	48%	Can Pacific	23%	23%
Delta Airl	49%	49%	NCR	62¼	61%	Cominco	19%	19%
Detroit Edi	13%	13%	NL Indstrs	7%	7½	Con Bathrst	16½	16
Digital Eq	106%	105	Nat Md Ent	22	22	Hawk S Can	24%	24
Disney	57%	57%	Nat Semi	13¼	12%	Hud Bay M	18%	19%
Dow Chem	82%	83	Norfolk Sth	27%	27%	Imasco	28%	28%
Dressr Ind	33½	33%	NW Bancrp	41%	42	Imperial Oil	59%	59%
Dupont	86%	84½	Occid Petl	27%	27%	Int Pipe	48	48%
Duke Pwr	43½	43%	Ogden Cp	30%	30%	Royl Trstco	16%	16%
East Kodak	41	41¼	Olin Cp	48%	47%	Seagram	65%	64¼
Eaton Cp	80¼	79%	PPG Ind	43	42¼	Shelco 'A'	23%	23%
Emerson El	30%	30%	Pac Enterp	46	45%	Thmsn N 'A'	27%	27%
Emery Air	6½	6%	Pac Gas El	14%	15	Varity Cp	4.05	4.05
Exxon	44%	44%	Pan Am	2%	2%	WCT	17%	17%
Farah Inc	9¼	9%	Penney JC	48%	48½	Weston	34½	35

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ALL STREET

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Pennzoil	75¾
Pepsico	36
Pfizer	56⅛
Phelps Dod	40
Philip Mor	85⅞
Phillips Pet	18
Polaroid	30⅝
Primerica	25⅝
Proct Gble	78⅞
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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Trinwood	Industrials S-Z	
2	Cambridge Elec	Electricals	
3	Lister	Textiles	
4	Chesterfield	Property	
5	Lon Shop	Property	
6	Watson & Philip	Foods	
7	Siebe	Industrials S-Z	
8	Admiral Comp	Electricals	
9	Tinelus	Industrials S-Z	
10	Barker (Charles)	Paper,Print,Adv	
11	Ford Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
12	Micro Focus	Electricals	
13	Hanover Druce	Property	
14	Regalian	Property	
15	Estates Prop	Property	
16	Marler	Property	
17	Utd Scientific	Electricals	
18	SEET	Textiles	
19	Alphameric	Electricals	
20	Parkland 'A'	Textiles	
21	West & Country	Property	
22	Whessoe	Industrials S-Z	
23	West Trust	Textiles	
24	Derwent Hldgs	Property	
25	Strong & Fisher	Shoes,Leather	
26	Norton Opax	Paper,Print,Adv	
27	Tootal	Textiles	
28	Honda Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
29	KLP	Paper,Print,Adv	
30	THORN EMI (aa)	Electricals	
31	Waterglade	Property	
32	Tex Hldgs	Industrials S-Z	
33	Telemetrix	Electricals	
34	Allied Text	Textiles	
35	Wyndham Eng	Industrials S-Z	
36	Scapa	Industrials S-Z	
37	Domino	Electricals	
38	DRG	Paper,Print,Adv	
39	Wace	Paper,Print,Adv	
40	Lec Refrigeration	Electricals	
41	Multitone Elect	Electricals	
42	Delyn Packaging	Paper,Print,Adv	
43	Abbott Mead	Paper,Print,Adv	
44	ERF	Motors,Aircraft	

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BRITISH FUNDS

1988 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)							
100⅞	100⅛	Treas C 9¾%	1988	100⅛	..	9.7	8.085
99⅝	99¼	Trans 3%	1978-88	99⅝	● ..	3.01	8.257
100⅞	95⅝	Treas 9½%	1988	100⅛	..	9.4	8.535
102⅝	96⅝	Treas 11½%	1989	102	..	11.2	8.801
102⅞	100⅝	Treas 10½%	1989	101⅝	-⅛	10.3	9.005
102	100⅝	Exch 10%	1989	101⅝	..	9.8	9.022
104⅛	99⅝	Exch 10½%	1989	102⅛	●-⅛	9.9	8.189
103⅝	98⅝	Exch 11%	1989	102⅝	-⅛	10.7	9.036
97⅛	93⅛	Treas 5%	1986-89	95⅝	-⅛	5.1	7.364
101⅛	95⅝	Treas C 9½%	1989	100⅛	-⅛	9.4	8.841
97⅛	94⅝	Treas 3%	1989	96⅝	●-⅛	3.1	6.396
102⅝	98⅝	Treas 8%	1990	99⅝	..	..	..
107⅞	105⅛	Treas 13%	1990	106⅝	-⅛	12.2	9.022
104⅝	97⅝	Exch 11%	1990	103	-⅛	10.6	9.112
107⅝	89⅝	Exch 12½%	1990	105⅝	-⅛	11.8	9.132
93⅛	91⅛	Treas 3%	1990	93	..	3.2	6.688
99⅝	96⅝	Treas 8¼%	1987-90	98⅝	-⅛	8.3	8.711
103⅝	97⅛	Treas 10%	1990	101⅝	-⅛	9.8	9.134
91⅞	88⅞	Exch 2½%	1990	90⅝	●-⅛	2.7	6.437
105⅞	101⅛	Treas C 10%	1991	102⅝	-⅛	9.7	8.876
107⅞	105⅛	Treas 11¾%	1991	106	-⅛	11.0	9.179
95⅛	90⅛	Fund 5¾%	1987-91	94⅝	-⅛	6.0	7.708
107⅛	100⅞	Exch 11%	1991	105⅝	-⅛	10.4	9.150
90⅝	87⅛	Treas 3%	1991	89⅛	●-⅛	3.3	6.890
98⅛	95	Treas 8%	1991	96⅝	-⅛	8.2	9.125
113⅝	109⅛	Treas 12¾%	1992	111	-⅛	11.4	9.210
104⅞	96⅝	Treas 10%	1992	102⅝	-⅛	9.7	9.153
106⅛	102⅞	Treas C10½%	1992	104⅝	-⅛	10.0	9.198
86⅛	83⅝	Treas 3%	1992	85⅝	-⅛	3.5	7.137
98⅛	92⅝	Treas 8%	1992	96⅝	-⅛	8.3	9.114
112⅞	103⅝	Exch 12¼%	1992	110⅝	-⅛	11.0	9.257
117⅞	107⅝	Exch 13½%	1992	114⅝	-⅛	11.7	9.262
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS							
106⅛	98⅝	Treas 10%	1993	103	-⅛	9.7	9.203
115⅝	111	Treas 12½%	1993	112⅝	-⅛	11.0	9.305
93	88⅞	Fund 6%	1993	92⅛	..	6.50	7.767
121⅝	114⅝	Treas 13¾%	1993	118⅝	●-⅛	11.5	9.348
97⅛	98⅛	Treas 8½%	1994	96⅝	..	..	..
125⅞	115⅝	Treas 14½%	1994	122⅝	-⅛	11.8	9.385
116⅛	106	Exch 12½%	1994	113⅝	-⅛	10.9	9.516
120⅞	112⅝	Exch 13½%	1994	118	-⅛	11.4	9.489
101⅛	95⅝	Treas 9%	1994	98⅝	●-⅛	9.1	9.227
105⅞	100⅞	Treas 10%	1994	103	-⅛	9.7	9.331
114⅛	109	Treas 12%	1995	112	-⅛	10.7	9.521
82⅞	79	Gas 3%	1990-95	81	● ..	3.72	6.485
108⅛	100⅝	Exch 10¼%	1995	104	-⅛	9.8	9.452
120⅞	112⅝	Treas 12¾%	1995	117⅝	●-⅛	10.8	9.490
126⅝	118⅝	Treas 14%	1996	123⅝	-⅛	11.3	9.666
101⅝	93⅞	Treas 9%	1992-96	99	-⅛	9.1	9.223
133⅞	124⅝	Treas 15¼%	1996	130⅝	●-⅛	11.6	9.642
123⅞	115⅝	Exch 13¼%	1996	120⅝	●-⅛	10.9	9.538
86	83⅝	Rdmpt 3%	1996	84	..	..	..
105⅝	99	Conv 10%	1996	102⅝	●-⅛	9.7	9.518
98⅞	95⅝	Treas 8¾%	1997 C	95⅝	..	..	..
124⅝	117⅝	Treas 13¼%	1997	121	-⅛	10.9	9.609
108⅝	97⅝	Exch 10½%	1997	105⅝	-⅛	9.9	9.564
98⅝	90⅞	Treas 8¾%	1997	95⅝	-⅛	9.1	9.419
134⅞	125⅝	Exch 15%	1997	131⅝	-⅛	11.3	9.776
87⅝	81⅝	Treas 6¾%	1995-98	85⅝	●-⅛	7.8	8.982
103⅝	97⅝	Exch 9¾%	1998	101	-⅛	9.6	9.536
140⅝	129⅝	Treas 15½%	1998	136⅝	-⅛	11.3	9.745
118⅝	111⅝	Exch 12%	1998	115⅝	●-⅛	10.4	9.651
103⅛	96⅝	Treas 9½%	1999	100⅝	-⅛	9.4	9.399
120⅛	110⅛	Exch 12¼%	1999	117⅝	-⅛	10.4	9.646
109⅝	102⅝	Treas 10½%	1999	106⅝	●-⅛	9.8	9.556
107⅞	100⅝	Conv 10¼%	1999	104⅝	●-⅛	9.7	9.550
96⅛	90⅝	Treas 8½%	2000	93⅝	-⅛	9.0	9.336
126⅛	119	Treas 13%	2000	123⅝	-⅛	10.5	9.683
99⅛	92⅝	Conv 9%	2000	97⅝	-⅛	9.2	9.377
108⅛	97	Treas 10%	2001	103⅝	-⅛	9.6	9.473
104⅝	98	Conv 9¾%	2001	102	-⅛	9.5	9.443
129⅝	122⅛	Treas 14%	1998 ..	128⅝	●-⅛	11.0	9.760
99⅝	93⅝	Exch 9%	2002	97	●-⅛	9.2	9.347
107⅝	100⅛	Conv 10%	2002	104⅝	-⅛	9.5	9.432
118⅝	111⅝	Exch 12%	1999 ..	115⅝	-⅛	10.4	9.658
105⅛	96⅝	Treas 9¾%	2002	102⅝	-⅛	9.4	9.403
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS							
108	100	Treas 10%	2003	105	-⅛	9.5	9.357
131⅛	123⅛	Treas 13¾%	2000 ..	128⅝	-⅛	10.6	9.708
117⅝	107⅛	Treas 11½%	2001 ..	114⅝	-⅛	10.0	9.543
108⅛	100⅝	Treas 10%	2004	105⅛	●-⅛	9.4	9.326
59⅝	54⅝	Fund 3½%	1999	57⅝	-⅛	6.0	8.192
104⅝	97	Conv 9½%	2004	101⅝	-⅛	9.3	9.281
104⅞	97⅝	Conv 9½%	2005	101⅞	-⅛	9.3	9.278
113⅛	103⅝	Exch 10½%	2005	110⅛	-⅛	9.5	9.273
128⅝	119⅝	Treas 12½%	2003 ..	124⅝	●-⅛	10.0	9.425
91⅛	85	Treas 8%	2002 ..	89⅝	-⅛	8.9	9.190
106⅝	99⅝	Conv 9½%	2006	104	●-⅛	9.3	9.270
121⅝	113⅝	Treas 11¾%	2003 ..	118⅛	-⅛	9.9	9.411
96⅛	89⅝	Treas 8½%	2007	94⅝	-⅛	9.0	9.117
137	125⅝	Treas 13½%	2004 ..	133⅝	-⅛	10.0	9.379
101⅞	94	Treas 9%	2008	98⅝	-⅛	9.0	9.106
92⅛	83⅛	Treas 8%	2009	89⅝	-⅛	8.9	9.076
101⅛	93⅝	Conv 9%	2011	98⅝	-⅛	9.0	9.109
68⅝	62⅛	Treas 5½%	2008-12	68⅝	-⅛	8.2	8.861
89⅝	82⅝	Treas 7¾%	2012-15	87	-⅛	8.8	9.022
130⅛	121⅛	Exch 12%	2013-17	127⅝	-⅛	9.4	9.187
UNDATED							
44⅝	41⅝	Consols	4%	43⅝	-⅛	9.1	—
39⅛	37	War Ln	3½%	38⅝	● ..	9.0	—
52⅛	48⅝	Conv	3½%	51⅝	..	6.8	—
33⅛	30⅛	Treas	3%	32⅝	..	9.1	—
28⅛	26⅛	Consols	2½%	27⅝	..	9.0	—
28⅛	25⅝	Treas	2½%	27⅝	..	9.0	—
INDEX-LINKED							
120⅛	117⅝	Treas IL 2%	1990	120	..	1.8	0.250
101⅛	98⅛	Treas IL 2%	1992	101⅝	+⅛	2.5	1.892
136⅛	127⅝	Treas IL 2%	1996	135⅝	+⅛	3.2	2.924
113⅛	103⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2001	112⅝	..	3.7	3.475
111⅛	101⅝	Treas IL 2½%	2003	109⅝	● ..	3.7	3.576
112⅛	102⅛	Treas IL 2%	2006	111	..	3.8	3.848
105⅛	95⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2009	104⅝	● ..	3.8	3.860
109⅛	99⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2011	107⅝	..	3.8	3.679
90⅛	82⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2013	89⅝	..	3.8	3.680
98⅛	88⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2016	98⅝	..	3.7	3.634
95⅛	87⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2020	94⅝	..	3.7	3.579
80⅛	73	Treas IL 2½%	2024	79⅝	..	3.6	3.544

BANKS, DISCOUNT HP

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
234	195	Allied Irish	213	220	..	..	..	
180	155	Anglo Leasing	183	190	..	..	..	
71	64	Ansbacher (Henry)	68	72	..	2.7	3.9	29.9
181	131	Aus New Z	170	174	-1	..	..	..
6⅛	3⅝	Bankamerica	5⅝		-⅛	..	..	..
221	184	Bank of Ireland	190	195	r ..	.. b	..	..
17	15	Bank Leumi Israel	15	17	..			
350	341	Bank Leumi UK	340	360	..	17.0	4.9	11.2
575	499	Bank Of Scotland	500	505	●-5	25.9	5.1	7.7
70	50	Bank Of Wales	50	60	● ..	3.8	6.9	7.2
525	418	Barclays (aa)	435	438	..	31.8	7.3	16.9
39	25	Benchmark	26	29	● ..	2.2	7.9	12.3
435	380	Brown Shipley	370	380	..	14.0	3.7	14.3
68	47	Bos Mortgage	48	53	..	1.4	2.7	11.0
380	346	Cater Allen	365	375	..	27.6	7.5	12.7
71	54	Cattles	61	63	● ..	3.4	5.5	11.6
14⅛	11⅛	Chase Manhattan	13⅝		●-⅛	..	..	..
17⅛	9⅛	Citicorp	11		+⅛			
200	165	Close Bros	160	170	●	6.2	3.8	20.4
79⅛	65⅛	Commerzbank	107⅛		+1			
148⅛	120⅛	Deutsche Bank	131⅛		+1			
38	24	Equity & Gen	25	28	-1	1.6	5.9	10.5
265	225	First Nat Finance	255	260		12.0	4.7	8.3
88	75	GPG	75	80				13.1
343	303	Gerrard Nat	330	340	..	23.3	7.0	10.3
289	237	Hambros	263	270	-1	12.1	4.5	10.5
50	34	HK Shanghai	44	47	s +1	3.3	7.2	..
443	420	Joseph (Leopold)	415	440	..	18.3	4.3	17.8
158	146	King & Shaxson	148	153	..	12.8	7.9	15.2
394	321	Kleinwort Benson	375	380	●-1	19.2	5.1	9.2
293	237	Lloyds (aa)	270	273	-1	18.1	6.7	4.7
57	45	Lon Scot Bk	45	48	..	2.5	5.3	6.1
471	368	Midland (aa)	380	385	..	27.5	7.2	5.0
296	234	Morgan Grenfell	268	272	●-3	14.9	5.5	11.3
220	157	Nat Aust Bk	213	217	+1			
607	523	Nat West (aa)	528	532	-3	32.9	6.2	9.3
210	160	Ottoman	1683			8001	4.7	5.5
369	338	Provident	355	365	+1	21.9	6.1	10.1
111	75	Rea Bros	80	85	●-3	2.4	2.9	15.5

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
173	147	Rothschild (J) Hld	155	160	..	8.2	5.2	8.4
373	320	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	335	340	+3	17.4	5.1	8.8
10	875	Schroders	875	925	● ..	22.6	2.6	11.0
555	424	Stand Chart (aa)	423	430	●-1	48.0	11.2	5.3
116	100	TSB (aa)	102	103	●-½	5.3	5.2	8.9
818	575	Union	555	570	..	39.3	7.0	12.7
355	305	Warburg SG	318	325	-2	14.4	4.5	
128	117	Do 8% 'A	119	122	●+1	8.2	6.8	..
31⅛	23	Wells Fargo	28⅛		+⅛			
453	268	Westpac	435	460	● ..	8.8	2.0	17.6

BREWERIES

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
429	377	Allied-Lyons (aa)	419	422	-3	16.2	3.8	12.5
897	746	Bass (aa)	847	853	-5	28.8	3.2	12.7
50	47	Belhaven	44	46	● ..	1.4	3.1	13.2
154	127	Boddington	132	137	●+5	5.4	4.0	14.8
207	153	Buckleys	150	158	..	4.4	2.9	47.5
183	147	Bulmer (H P)	173	178	+3	8.2	4.7	12.5
151	130	Burtonwood Brew	148	150		4.0	2.8	23.4
395	332	Clark (Matthew)	370	380	-3	13.7	3.7	12.5
337	292	Devenish (JA)	322	332	..	4.1	1.3	38.8
221	175	Greenall Whitley	215	220	..	8.2	3.8	12.4
484	436	Greene King	437	445	+1	9.3	2.1	22.7
323	271	Guinness (aa)	315	318	●+1	12.8	4.0	10.3
697	655	Hardys & Hansons	687	707	..	28.5	4.2	13.0
115	78	Highland Dist	112	115	●+6	3.5	3.1	17.8
215	167	Invergordon Dist	205	215	●	7.9	3.8	12.7
225	165	Irish Dist	208	218	+1			
171	118	Marston Thompson	118	118		3.6	3.1	14.8
503	463	Morland	493	510	+2	10.8	2.2	19.9
358	275	SA Breweries	295	320	+5			
294	206	Scot & New (aa)	282	285	+1	11.3	4.0	15.8
583	480	Vaux Grp	580	585	+3	19.5	3.3	17.8
318	271	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	312	315	..	12.6	4.0	13.2
330	295	Do B	320	335	..	12.6	3.8	13.8
322	274	Whitbread Inv	315	322	+1	11.8	3.8	37.1
398	350	Wolverhampton & D	387	305	..	8.0	2.0	18.6
400	345	Young 'A	390	410	..	12.3	3.1	23.3

BUILDING, ROADS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
240	143	Abbey	235	245				
400	314	Amec	382	385	-1	17.8	4.5	11.4
453	348	Anglia Sec	410	435	-3	2.7	0.6	24.9
55	41	Anglo Utd	39	42		1.4	3.4	75.9
155	90	Arncliffe	125	140	+7	4.3	3.2	8.4
375	247	Attwoods	295	308	+3	8.9	3.0	16.9
309	246	BPB Ind (aa)	278	283		9.6	3.4	12.2
320	240	Baggeridge Brick	308	318	-4	4.5	1.4	27.1
85	53	Bailey (Ben) Constr	64	67	● ..	1.9	2.9	13.7
216	170	Barratt Devs	185	188	●-1	12.6	6.7	12.3
254	181	Bellway	247	252	+11	11.0	4.4	17.0
113	85	Bellwinch	108	113	+2	2.9	2.6	10.0
384	258	Berkeley Gp	353	362	..	3.6	1.0	20.8
103	83	Brett Bros	95	105	..	4.8	4.8	23.0
480	320	Blockleys	345	385	●	8.9	2.4	20.2
465	403	Blue Circle (aa)	418	422	●-6	20.6	4.9	8.8
295	167	Breedon PLC	215	245	r -2	8.7	3.8	24.4
148	109	Br Dredging	127	133	●	6.9	5.3	17.8
53⅛	35⅛	Brown & Jackson	35⅛	37	-⅛	0.1	0.3	21.5
148	1.6	Bryant	139	141	-2	4.4	3.1	16.6
16	7⅛	Burnett & Hallam	8⅛	9⅛	s -⅛	..	..	1.0
123	105	CRH	110	113	●-1			
115	108	Cakebread Robey	105	115	..	5.2	4.7	13.8
328	258	Caradon	312	318	..	10.3b	3.3	18.3
132	102	Church Charles	120	125	-1	1.4	1.1	13.4
303	195	Conder Grp	295	310	● ..	7.5	2.5	34.2
150	112	Costain PLC	128	135	..	2.4	1.8	72.1
336	259	Costain	308	312	r -3	13.2	4.3	12.1
318	203	Countryside	309	315	..	2.6	0.8	15.3
230	185	Crest Nicholson	225	228	-2	7.8	3.4	11.4
103	73	Crosby James	85	100	● ..	2.4	2.4	
291	229	Douglas (RM)	275	280	● ..	4.3b	1.5	21.8
105	76	Erith	94	99	● ..	4.1	4.2	13.1
303	175	Federated Hsg	288	293	-4	6.9	2.4	10.8
100	75	Finlan Gp	80	83	-1	6.2b	7.6	12.3
69	59	Galliford	60	62	..	3.8	6.2	13.6
235	210	Gates & Dandy Ord	225	236	● ..	3.6	1.6	38.3

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448	344⅛	Atlantic Comp	347	352	●-1	9.6	2.8	8.4
137	77	Audio Fidelity	117	124	-3	0.7	0.6	9.5
263	221	Auto Sec	222	225	● ..	3.0	1.3	14.0
66	35	Beacon Gp	39	44	●-1			
45	33	Bennett & Fountain	33	35		1.0	2.9	17.3
352	301	BICC (aa)	315	320	●-2	17.8	5.6	14.8
91	71	BSR	70	72	● ..	3.0	4.2	7.5
188	133	Bich	175	182	-2	5.8	3.2	13.0
121	85	Borland	105	112	-3			
194	180	Bowthorpe	165	170	-2	4.5b	2.7	12.8
218	174	Britannia Security	190	195	●-1	2.7	1.4	15.9
260	220	Br Telecom (aa)	249	250	+3½	12.1	4.8	17.9
111	81	Brown Boveri Kent	82	87	-1	4.1	4.8	21.5
24	17	Bulgin (AF) 'A	13	16	-1	0.1	0.7	25.4
303	191	CAP Group	297	302		2.6	0.9	28.8
87	53	CASE	85	89	+6	0.1	0.1	7.3
382	314	Cable Wireless (aa)	340	347	●+12	8.0	2.3	17.2
243	193	Cambridge Elec	237	242	●+4	11.6	4.8	12.1
58	34	Cambridge Instr	40	42	..	1.0	2.4	4.5
65	47	Chloride	50	53	..	2.6	5.0	14.2
237	203	Gray Elect	205	212	..	3.7	1.8	12.8
183	141	Crystalate	158	162	..	8.0	5.0	7.7
75	50	DDT Group	70	80	..	1.6	2.1	13.3
105	75	Dale Elec	77	82	-1	5.1	6.4	16.5
58	38⅛	Dewhurst	52	57	-1	1.9	3.5	12.4
56	37⅛	Do 'A	45	60	●-3	1.9	4.0	10.9
348	280	Domino	277	287	+2	3.8	1.3	14.0
64	53	Dowding & Mills	57	60	● ..	2.5	4.2	14.5
214	117	Dubilier	197	200	● ..	4.8	2.4	10.9
210	178	Electrocomponents	208	210	●+2	5.3	2.5	16.3
129	97⅛	Elec Data Process	105	110	●+2	2.9	2.7	9.0
92	65	Electronic Mach	68	78		1.2	1.6	89.0
430	367	Emess	425	433	●-1	11.0	2.6	15.9
362	267	Eurotherm	340	346	-1	8.2	2.4	12.5
143	112	FKI Babcock (aa)	121	123	-1	2.2	1.8	16.8
181	147	Farnell Elect	156	161	-2	4.8	3.0	12.1
93	76	Ferranti (aa)	84	86	+5½	2.8	3.3	11.9
69	50	Forward Tech	57	62	● ..	1.4	2.3	9.5
169⅛	142	GEC (aa)	152	154	● ..	7.7	5.0	8.8
214	192	Harland Simon	197	204	+1	2.6b	1.3	28.0
69	48	Highland Elect	54	57	..	3.4	6.1	8.3
278	195	Hoskyns Gp	258	268	..	2.9	1.1	23.6
65	45	ITL Gp	45	50	..	2.7	5.6	..
210	150	Jones Stroud	160	180	..	7.2	4.2	11.1
383	328	Kode	375	385	●-2	21.2	5.6	12.4
355	250	Lec Refrigeration	333	343	●+3	18.5	5.5	9.4
298	237	Logica	280	287	r -3	2.6	0.9	19.9
288	225	Macro 4	275	280	● ..	4.5	1.6	25.4
237	173	Memec	232	240	● ..	5.7	2.4	15.4
95	69	MBS	69	74	r -1	1.4	1.9	15.0
433	288	Microfilm Repro	405	420	●-2	4.3	1.0	40.8
180	85	Micro Focus	165	175	+2			
315	244	Microgen	265	272	..	7.5	2.8	16.6
190	120	Mitel	137	142	..			
24⅛	19⅛	Molex	20⅛	21⅛				
79	43	Multitone Elect	50	55	+2	2.1e	4.0	39.8
44	26	Murray Elect	28	31	-1	0.3	1.0	78.9
305	253	Newmark (Louis)	285	300		19.6	6.7	14.1
110	88⅛	NEI	91	93	●-1	7.2b	7.8	30.0
122	85	NMW Comp	65	75	●-10	3.4	4.9	13.2
24	17	Oceonics	17	19	s			3.6
248	213	Oxford Instruments	210	218	-2	3.4	1.6	7.8
232	135	P E International	207	217	● ..	4.9	2.3	14.5
69	50	Pack	54	58	-1	0.4	0.7	34.4
61	37	Plessey	47	49	● ..	1.1	2.3	22.9
82⅛	77⅛	Philips Fin 5⅝%	78	81	..	575	7.3	
8⅛	7	Philips Lamps N/V	8		..			..
260	239	Pilco	234	244	● ..	9.6	4.0	9.6
189	174	Do A Ltd Voting	175	182	●+4	9.6	5.4	7.2
176	141	Plessey (aa)	167	169	+7	7.9	4.7	10.5
163	117	Pressac	152	157	●-1	2.3	1.5	15.7
121	74	Quest Automation	72	79		1.4	1.8	5.5
321	202	Racal Elect (aa)	318	320	+72½	4.9	1.5	27.0
180	120	Rose	127	132	..	1.6	1.2	13.5
77	58	SD-Scicon	70	72	r +2	0.2	0.3	
163	105	Scantronic	112	117	..	2.2b	1.9	24.9
465	430	Scholes (GH)	440	480	● ..	20.6	4.6	14.8
38	25	Sound Diffusion	31	33	● ..	0.1	0.3	8.3
258	217	STC (aa)	257	259	●+13	9.6	3.7	11.5
21⅛	18⅛	TDK	20⅛		+⅛			
232	190	Telephone Rentals	213	218	+7	11.6	5.4	14.8
35	20	Telemetrix	31	34	+5			1.9
176	127	Therm Scientific	132	142	-4	4.7	3.4	9.5
636	533	THORN EMI (aa)	620	633	+4	26.7	4.2	14.9

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL Tel: 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt & Fixed	112.7	120.8●	-0.3	8.28
Hi Inc Equity	115.4	122.6●	-0.1	4.85
Worldwide Bd	185.8	197.5c	+0.2	4.91
American Gth	139.0	147.8	-0.1	1.64
Asian Pacific	60.1	64.2	+0.4	1.18
Assets & Earns	133.8	142.3c		1.76
Capital Res	78.1	78.2●	+0.1	3.84
Comm Energy	90.1	95.8	-0.1	1.02
Euro Capital	66.8	71.0●	+0.4	1.06
General	161.4	171.6	-0.3	2.82
Japan	97.3	104.0	+1.0	
UK Gth Inc	125.0	132.9●	-0.3	1.98
Do Acc	183.6	195.3●	-0.5	1.38
US Emerg Co	40.3	43.1	-0.3	0.00
Income Gth	248.7	264.5c	+2.7	3.68
Master Acc	70.5	74.9	+0.1	2.34
American Inc	39.7	42.4	-0.1	6.46
Ethical Tst	40.8	43.4	-0.1	2.88
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070				
20, Chiswell St, London EC1Y 4TY Tel: 01-374 6801				
UK Growth	30.6	32.5●	-0.1	3.28
N Amer Inc	23.7	25.2●	+0.1	4.74
World Gth	38.7	41.1c	+0.2	1.16
Extra Inc	37.8	40.2●	-0.1	4.84
Formerly Baltic Trust Managers				
American	37.6	40.1	+0.4	2.31
Amer Extra Inc	33.8	36.0●	+0.2	6.36
Australian	19.2	20.5	+0.2	1.70
Euro Tst	39.7	42.3	+0.2	0.00
Gt/Fxd Interest	23.8	25.4●	..	9.40
Global Income	33.7	35.9●	+1.3	5.40
Hi Income	52.7	56.1c	+0.5	5.44
Income Growth	64.2	68.3	+0.6	4.36
International	81.6	86.9	+1.0	0.60
Japan Gen	164.2	174.7	+0.4	0.01
Special Sits	61.9	65.9●	+0.3	1.31
Formerly Atlanta UT Managers				
Japan Far East	71.1	75.6	-0.5	1.43
International	70.0	74.4●	+0.2	2.05
Do Acc	91.5	97.3●	+0.4	2.05
Hi Income	56.1	59.6●	+0.8	5.55
Fund Invest	95.3	101.3●	+0.3	2.53
Do Acc	144.4	153.5●	+0.5	2.53
UK Growth	20.6	21.9	-0.2	4.53
N American	39.0	41.4	..	1.55
Swiss Balncd	38.6	41.0	+0.3	3.78
AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
401, St John Street London EC1V 4QE Tel: 01-837 6494				
Euro Gth Acc	99.2	105.6	+0.7	1.15
Exempt	385.1	406.0c	-0.5	4.72
Far Eastern	205.3	220.2	+1.7	0.00
Fin & Prop	77.1	81.7	+0.1	2.58
Hi Yield	70.8	75.0●	-0.3	5.07
Income & Gth	297.5	315.2●	-1.0	4.53
Int Emrgng	175.1	185.5●	-0.1	3.01
Int Growth Inc	83.0	88.4●	+0.3	0.25
Japan Gth Acc	151.8	162.3	..	0.00
N Amer Gth Inc	103.3	111.2	..	2.87
Preference Inc	128.0	135.6●	..	8.87
Sml Co Div Inc	90.4	95.8	..	4.58
Sml Co Gth	271.4	287.5	..	1.67
Spec Sits Inc	124.3	131.7	..	1.58
UK Growth	370.0	391.9●	..	3.33
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 28291 dealing0793 610366				
High Income	289.8	307.2●	-0.7	4.91
Equity Inc	168.5	178.6	-0.6	4.38
High Yield	169.0	179.1●	-0.4	5.14
Balanced	411.3	436.0	-1.5	3.33
Amer Inc	26.2	27.9	-0.1	4.62
World Ass Val	25.1	26.7	+0.1	1.24
Japan	140.5	149.6	+1.0	0.01
Sec of Amer	177.4	188.9	..	1.02
Asset Value	308.1	326.6	-0.8	3.01
O'seas Earn	202.7	214.9	-0.5	3.29
Recovery	95.0	100.7●	-0.3	3.10
UK Spec Sits	251.0	266.1	-0.3	2.73
Smlr Co	160.7	170.3	-0.4	2.19
Capital	244.7	259.4●	+0.1	3.35
Amer Spec Sit	56.8	60.5●	..	1.80
International	87.9	93.6	+0.3	1.25
Growth & Inc	147.5	156.3●	..	3.65
Euro Gth	17.2	18.3	+0.1	1.37
Pacific	214.0	227.9	+2.1	0.29
2nd Smlr Co	188.2	199.5●	-0.6	1.84
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544				
Capital	77.9	83.1	-0.3	3.18
Euro Gth Inc	57.8	61.7	+0.3	1.77
Extra Income	91.2	97.3●	-0.3	5.22
General	162.7	173.6●	-0.2	3.33
Gilt & Fixed Inc	53.7	56.6	-0.1	9.24
Income Tst	393.7	420.0	-1.0	4.02
Int Income	47.5	50.7	-0.1	4.41
Smlr Co Inc	36.9	39.4	..	1.24
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ Tel: 01-658 9002				
American EVS	50.1	53.1●	-0.1	0.70
Australia	51.9	56.9c	-0.3	0.00
Eastern	62.2	66.3	+0.1	0.20
Equity Inc	67.8	71.9●	-0.2	5.20
Europe	112.0	118.8	+0.5	0.00
Exempt Tst	56.1	59.5	..	5.40
Growth & Inc	74.1	78.6	..	2.20
Do Acc	115.4	122.4	..	2.20
Global Gth	56.7	60.1	+0.3	0.00
Japan Spec	146.1	155.8	+0.5	0.00
Japan Sun	158.5	169.0●	+1.5	0.00
First Europe	97.8	103.7c	+0.8	0.90
First Japan	109.2	116.4●	+0.8	0.60
First N Amer	39.0	41.3	-0.1	1.10
First Smlr Co	88.9	94.3●	+0.1	1.40
N Amer Spec	37.2	39.4●	-0.1	0.30
UK Growth	58.4	62.2	+0.2	5.24
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144				
Financial	152.0	161.2	-0.3	1.69
Smlr Co Acc	284.6	308.8●	+0.8	0.82
Do Inc	179.6	194.8●	+0.5	0.82
High Income	76.0	80.6●	-0.3	5.18
Income	92.9	98.8●	+0.3	5.17
Man Portfl Inc	84.3	89.4	-0.7	2.22
Do Acc	143.4	152.0	-1.2	2.22
Nth American	42.5	45.3	-0.2	0.21
Orient	95.1	100.8c	+1.1	0.10
Exempt	260.3	274.6c	-1.2	2.32
Recovery	61.7	65.5	-0.3	0.35
German	21.6	23.2c	..	1.90
Int Recov	23.1	24.6●	+0.5	1.00
Europe	16.44	17.10●	+0.12	3.91
Conv General	24.6	25.5●	-0.1	7.00
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT Tel: 01-588 2868 01 623 2348				
Emerg Inc	59.0	62.6	+0.2	2.00
Fellowship Inc	61.9	65.7●	-0.3	2.00
General Inc 4	256.1	271.7	+1.2	2.60
Do Acc 4	417.7	443.2	+2.0	2.60
Income Fd 3	132.0	140.1●	+0.5	4.00
Do Acc 3	248.8	264.0●	+1.1	4.00
Int Inc 2	105.4	111.8	-0.6	2.00
Do Acc 2	142.5	151.2	-0.8	2.00
Smlr Inc 5	85.4	90.6	+0.3	1.80
Do Acc	92.5	98.1	+0.3	1.80

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CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 01-902 8876				
Growth	33.5	35.6a	+0.4	2.83
Income	42.4	45.1a	+0.4	4.31
Far East	27.8	29.6a	-0.1	0.21
Nth American	25.8	27.5a	..	0.74
Global	43.1	45.8●	..	0.75
European	37.4	39.8	+0.8	1.34
Japan	87.2	92.8	+0.1	0.01
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
PO Box 552 Winchester Hse, 77 London Wall, London EC2N 1DE Tel: 01-588 [illegible]				
Capital	384.0	408.9●	-1.0	3.04
European S S	47.1	50.2	-0.1	2.50
Far East S S	47.6	50.8	+0.2	2.47
Gold Gen S S	47.5	50.6	+0.2	2.49
Income	338.7	358.4●	-0.4	5.24
Int Sp Sits	46.4	49.5	-0.1	2.54
Nth Amer	221.2	238.0●	-0.7	2.02
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Investment	432.9		..	4.87
Fixed Int	147.6	e	..	9.68
Deposit	100.0		..	8.71
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Income	407.55	●	..	5.27
Acc	£12.6917		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	8.25
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS				
Woolgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD Tel: 01-606 6822				
Man Retrmt	22.0	23.3●	..	..
SC Special Sits	61.7	65.3	+0.9	0.42
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800 373393				
Amer Gth	17.9	19.0●	..	0.22
Atlas Gth	21.3	22.6	..	0.86
Dragon Gth	20.3	21.6c	+0.2	1.93
Equity Hi Inc	56.8	60.2	..	4.74
Do Acc	56.8	60.2	..	4.74
European Gth	23.2	24.6	..	1.68
Gen Equity	47.7	50.5	..	2.92
G/F Intrst Gth	32.9	34.7	-0.1	7.31
Gilt & Fixed Inc	24.8	26.2●	..	8.82
Int Income Tst	22.3	23.6c	..	6.64
Japan Gth	47.2	50.0	+0.8	0.00
Pedigree Gth	28.4	30.1	-0.1	2.32
Special Sits	34.3	36.4	..	1.96
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818				
UK & Gen Inc	52.5	55.9	-0.1	3.16
Do Acc	53.9	57.3	-0.1	3.16
Income Inc	54.7	58.2●	-0.1	4.01
Do Acc	56.7	60.3●	-0.1	4.01
Worldwide Inc	41.7	44.5	+0.1	0.89
Do Acc	42.1	45.0	+0.1	0.89
General Inc	33.7	35.9	-0.1	1.25
Do Acc	33.8	36.0	-0.1	1.25
Amer Gth	48.2	51.3●	-0.3	1.13
Euro Gth	50.3	53.5	+0.5	1.20
Far East	62.8	66.8●	+0.8	0.00
Gilt & Fxd Int	47.6	50.4	-0.1	8.40
World Bond	46.4	49.1	-0.1	5.89
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD				
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW Tel: 04862 5033				
Amer Tst	97.1	103.6	..	0.97
Canadian Gth	19.5	20.8	-0.1	..
European Tst	86.0	91.7c	-0.1	..
Growth Tst	258.6	275.8	+0.5	3.10
High Income	305.2	325.5●	-1.5	5.01
Int Tech Tst	100.6	107.3	+0.5	..
Investment	25.6	27.3	..	..
Japanese Tst	235.4	251.1	+2.3	..
Man Int	25.9	27.6	-0.1	..
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL Tel: 0737-242424				
European Gth	47.8	51.4c	+0.7	3.00
Euro Spec Sits	34.8	37.5c	+0.4	1.30
International	46.1	49.6	+0.2	6.50
N Amer Gth	40.0	43.1c	+0.6	1.00
Pacific Gth	54.4	58.6c	+0.4	4.80
UK Gth Acc	54.4	58.6●	-0.2	4.80
Do Dist	64.3	69.2●	+3.3	0.50
UK Income	57.1	61.4●	+0.1	4.60
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 031-226 3492				
American Fd	54.7	58.1	+0.7	1.72
Capital Fd	126.6	134.5c	+0.1	1.02
Convertible	24.8	26.3	+0.2	7.51
Eurofund	21.5	22.8	+0.2	1.43
Growth & Inc	174.8	185.7	-1.4	3.76
High Dist Fd	148.0	157.2c	+0.5	4.77
International	198.2	210.6	+1.2	1.07
Pacific Fd	20.2	21.5	-0.1	0.00
Resources Fd	20.9	22.2	-0.2	0.00
Smlr Jap Co	43.6	46.2	+0.9	..
Tokyo Fd	196.1	208.4	+0.3	0.00
Ex Amer 2	109.3	112.3●	..	2.03
Ex Japan 3	119.8	123.1	+2.5	0.18
Ex Pacific 4	336.5	345.8	+14.2	0.27
Ex Smlr Jap 4	250.4	257.6	-0.5	0.10
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 221311				
UK Balan Inc	84.0	89.1	-0.3	2.75
Do Acc	87.5	92.8	-0.3	2.62
UK Gth Acc	121.1	128.5c	-1.0	2.14
UK High Inc	95.2	101.0c	-0.5	4.33
N Amer Acc	59.3	63.2	-0.1	1.11
Far East Acc	117.6	125.4	+0.7	0.61
European Acc	65.9	70.3	+0.3	1.47
UK Gt/FI Inc	57.4	60.9	-0.2	8.54
Do Acc	64.9	68.9	-0.2	7.55
Int Spec Sits	37.9	40.5	+0.1	1.67
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
Admin Centre Hexagon House Romford RM1 3LB Tel: 0708 66966				
Endurance	114.3	121.7	..	1.55
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION				
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480				
Equit Pelican	91.1	97.0●	-0.3	3.30
High Income	96.0	102.2c	-0.2	4.70
Gt/Fxd Intrst	52.5	55.9	-0.1	7.08
Tst Of Inv Tsts	81.5	86.8	+0.1	2.19
Spec Sits Tst	96.5	102.8	-0.2	2.68
Nth Amer Tst	51.7	55.1	-0.6	1.63
Far East Tst	114.4	121.8	+0.1	0.33
Int Growth	51.70	55.92	+0.41	1.63
European Tst	37.6	40.0	+0.1	1.88
EQUITY & LAW				
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1QD Tel: 0203 553231				
UK Gth Acc	173.6	184.6●	-0.4	3.36
Do Inc	144.0	153.1●	-0.3	3.36
Higher Inc Acc	321.4	341.6●	-0.9	4.47
Do Inc	243.0	258.5●	-0.6	4.47
Gilts & Fxd Acc	112.5	118.4	-0.3	8.49
Do Inc	84.2	88.6	-0.2	8.49

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FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-628 5181				
Amer/Gen Inc	158.8	167.5	+0.3	..
Do Acc	162.2	171.1	+0.2	..
Amer Turn Inc	180.0	189.9	+1.0	1.03
Do Acc	186.7	197.0	+1.1	1.03
Capital Inc	256.7	270.9●	-0.2	2.42
Do Acc	318.3	335.9●	-0.2	2.42
Conv/Gilt Inc	103.7	109.4	..	5.28
Do Acc	146.2	154.2	..	5.28
European Inc	52.7	55.6	+0.7	1.20
Do Acc	52.9	55.8	+0.7	1.20
Extra Inc Inc	232.9	245.8	..	4.50
Do Acc	262.3	276.8	+0.1	4.50
Financial Acc	41.2	43.4●	+0.2	0.97
Do Inc	40.9	43.1●	+0.3	0.97
Income Tst	153.6	162.1	-0.3	4.34
Do Acc	169.6	178.9	-0.4	4.34
Int Growth Inc	139.2	146.9	+0.5	..
Do Acc	154.6	163.1●	+0.4	..
Japan/Gen Inc	118.4	124.9	+0.5	..
Do Acc	119.5	126.1	+0.5	..
Monthly Inc Fd	118.7	125.2●	+0.3	4.47
PEP 87	80.5		+0.3	2.76
PEP 88	51.8	54.6	+0.3	2.31
Recovery	170.7	180.1	+0.7	1.19
Do Acc	188.3	198.7	+2.0	1.19
Smaller Inc	52.8	55.7●	..	3.19
Do Acc	52.8	55.7●	+0.2	3.19
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing0722 411411 Admin0722 413622				
Equity Dist	229.8	243.6c	-0.3	2.78
Do Acc	395.7	419.3c	-0.5	2.78
Euro Gth Dist	52.7	55.9	+0.1	0.89
Do Acc	52.7	55.9	+0.1	0.89
Fxd Interest Di	118.3	125.6c	-0.4	8.95
Do Acc	149.7	158.9c	-0.4	8.95
Int Gth Dist	52.4	55.5	+0.1	1.35
Do Acc	52.4	55.5	+0.1	1.35
Nth Amer Dist	105.9	112.5	+0.6	2.30
Do Acc	107.7	114.2	+0.6	2.30
Pac Basin Dist	179.8	190.5	+1.0	0.15
Do Acc	179.8	190.7	+1.0	0.15
Steward Dist	233.0	248.9c	-0.3	0.79
Do Acc	244.2	258.8c	-0.2	0.79
Steward Inc Di	57.0	60.4c	..	3.31
Do Acc	57.5	60.9c	..	3.31
N Am Stwd Di	49.6	52.6	+0.4	1.90
Do Acc	49.6	52.6	+0.4	1.90
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431				
Amer Spec Sit	55.2	58.8●	+0.4	0.60
UK Cap Inc	124.7	133.1	..	2.80
Do Acc	184.4	196.7	..	2.80
Do Spec Sits	50.4	53.8	-0.1	1.00
Income Fd	94.9	101.3	+0.1	6.00
International	145.3	154.6	+0.5	0.50
US & General	42.7	45.5c	+0.3	1.20
Japan & Gen	305.4	325.3●	+4.2	0.10
Far East Gen	126.8	134.9	+1.5	0.30
European Fd	208.7	222.1	+0.7	0.10
Germany Fd	49.5	52.7	+0.1	1.80
Int Inc Fd	47.2	50.3	..	5.70
Wld Spec Sit	56.4	60.2	+0.1	3.00
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 01-623 1212 Dealing: 01-236 3885 Services: 0800 289336				
American	63.8	68.3	-0.2	0.70
Australian	16.7	17.8●	+0.1	0.86
British Acc	71.3	76.3	-0.4	1.91
Do Dist	60.4	64.7	-0.3	1.91
Chell UK Gth	24.6	26.1	+0.1	1.92
Commd Share	57.5	61.7	-0.3	1.50
European	42.4	45.5	+0.2	1.47
Extra Income	61.1	65.6c	-0.1	6.09
Far East Tst	128.1	137.4	..	0.40
Fxd Interest	29.6	31.8●	+0.2	7.73
Frontier Mkts	23.1	24.8●	..	0.75
Global Fd	156.8	168.2	-0.6	1.84
Do Dist	148.8	159.6	-0.5	1.84
Gold Share	15.4	16.4	+0.1	1.84
Hedged Amer	30.4	32.6	+0.1	0.50
High Income	30.3	32.8a	..	5.24
Hong Kong	29.7	31.9	-0.4	1.25
Income Fd	98.5	105.7	-0.2	4.03
Int F/Interest	23.5	25.1●	-0.1	7.84
Japan Tst	130.2	139.7	+1.8	0.00
Man Exempt	265.4	277.5●	-0.5	2.50
Oil & Energy	42.9	46.1	..	1.90
Spec Sit	101.1	108.5	..	0.82
UK Sm Co Rec	99.4	106.6	..	0.69

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Gartmore (formerly Oppenheimer) Tst Management Ltd				
Glob Inc/Gth	67.9	72.4●	-0.4	4.21
Pacific Gth	42.2	47.1	-0.7	0.84
Pract Inv Inc	63.3	67.5●	+0.1	2.22
Do Acc	118.4	126.3●	+0.1	2.22
W'wide Recov	83.4	89.0	-0.2	0.89
Selected Opportunities Tsts				
American	26.8	28.5	..	0.42
European	[illegible]	58.6	+0.4	0.90
International	108.7	116.6	+0.3	0.87
Japan	69.6	74.7c	+0.4	0.00
UK	56.3	60.1	-0.1	1.49
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Stockdale Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 01-378 7979 Dealing:01-588 0526				
Int Gth	88.1	93.7	..	1.12
American Gth	55.3	58.8	-0.3	1.20
American Inc	56.9	60.5●	-0.1	5.09
European Gth	44.4	47.4a	-0.1	1.17
Gold & Mnrls	45.3	48.4	-0.2	0.71
Japan Gth	66.8	71.0●	+0.6	..
Pacific Inc	77.8	82.7	+0.1	3.65
Pacific Strat	40.8	43.6	+0.7	0.41
UK Prog Inc	69.8	74.6	-0.2	4.67
UK Spec Opps	133.9	142.2	+0.3	1.47
Gt British	36.5	39.0c	-0.1	3.39
UK Sml Co	35.0	37.2a	-0.1	0.96
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN Tel: 01-588 9903				
Gt/Fxd Interest	118.4	123.1	+1.3	9.07
Gth Equity	241.5	256.6	+4.9	1.12
Guardhill	306.7	317.8	+3.4	3.16
Income Tst	95.3	100.9	+0.5	5.18
Int Tst	108.1	114.4●	+0.2	0.31
N American	116.1	122.9●	+0.7	1.17
Pacific	261.5	276.8●	+0.7	0.00
Prop Share	353.4	374.0	+2.4	1.85
Smaller Co	278.5	294.8●	+2.4	1.76
European Tst	222.9	235.9	+4.1	1.30
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ, Tel: 01-623 9333				
Global Gth	36.6	39.0c	+0.7	0.80
High Income	90.4	96.2●	+1.9	5.39
N Amer Tst	88.2	93.9●	+1.3	0.81
Pacific Gth	42.6	45.4a	+1.8	0.50
Recovery	305.3	324.8●	+0.8	2.43
St Vincent Inc	104.2	105.9	+1.2	5.77
St Vinc US Gth	49.2	51.3	+1.6	1.09
Temp B Sm Co	238.9	253.1	..	3.27
TEUSF	148.8	158.6c	+7.81	2.66
Euro Gth Tst	40.5	43.1	+0.3	0.80

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KLEINWORT BARRINGTON LIMITED				
10 Fenchurch St London EC3 Tel: 01-623 8000 Dealers:01-929 0776				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	50.3	53.5	+0.4	6.02
Do Acc	50.3	53.5	+0.4	6.02
Gth Yield Inc	109.7	113.1	-0.2	9.54
Do Acc	213.0	218.8	-0.3	9.54
Global Inc	136.3	145.0	+0.4	4.76
Do Acc	239.7	255.0	+0.8	4.76
High Yield Inc	110.0	117.0●	+1.3	5.31
Do Acc	234.0	248.9	+1.6	5.31
Capital Gth Trusts				
Am Sm Co Inc	49.3	52.4	-0.1	0.45
Do Acc	50.8	54.0	-0.1	0.45
N American Inc	40.8	43.4	-0.6	1.82
Do Acc	47.8	50.9	-0.3	1.82
European Inc	78.4	83.4	+0.2	2.20
Do Acc	97.8	104.0	+0.3	2.20
Euro Spec Inc	52.5	55.8	+0.1	2.17
Do Acc	52.5	55.8	+0.1	2.17
Fd Of Invst Inc	22.1	23.5	+0.1	2.13
Do Acc	28.9	30.7	+0.1	2.13
General Inc	198.2	202.3	+4.5	3.05
Do Acc	269.1	286.3	+3.0	3.05
Int Recov Inc	114.4	121.7	+1.7	1.27
Do Acc	122.4	130.2	+1.9	1.27
Japan Inc	280.0	297.9c	+2.5	0.22
Do Acc	283.1	301.2c	+2.5	0.22
Jap Spec Inc	141.0	150.0●	+0.9	0.03
Do Acc	141.7	150.7●	+0.9	0.03
Master Acc	144.5	153.0	+0.5	1.78
Pacific Inc	165.5	176.1●	+1.3	0.37
Do Acc	187.8	199.8	+1.5	0.37
Smlr Co Inc	105.5	112.2	-0.8	1.36
Do Acc	127.4	135.5	-0.9	1.36
UK Eq Gth Inc	29.4	31.3	+0.3	2.13
Do Acc	49.3	52.4	+0.4	2.13
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
63, George Street, Edinburgh Tel: 031-225 4906				
European	36.2	38.5	+0.1	0.00
Extra Income	22.2	23.6●	-0.2	4.75
Far East	19.3	20.5●	+0.3	0.00
Income & Gth	61.3	65.2	+0.1	4.44
Int Gth	36.8	39.2●	-0.1	2.06
Japan	55.9	59.5	+0.5	0.00
N Amer Equity	21.5	22.8	+0.1	0.00
UK Equity	53.7	57.1●	-0.3	3.01
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex Tel: Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 261010				
Equity Dist	290.5	309.0	-0.5	2.80
Do Acc	472.4	502.5	-0.9	2.80
Do Income	75.2	80.0	+0.1	4.35
European	55.3	58.8	+0.3	2.13
Far Eastern	139.3	148.2	+1.5	0.02
Fixed Interest	47.2	50.2	+0.1	8.50
Gilt	81.2	85.9●	..	7.06
Global Gth	46.9	49.9	+0.3	1.42
International	43.8	46.8	..	5.43
Jap Tst	71.7	76.3	+0.8	0.01
O'seas Equity	79.1	84.1	+0.8	1.13
Natural Res	78.1	83.1●	+1.0	1.86
N American	69.4	73.8	-0.1	1.45
UK Recovery	48.5	51.6	+0.1	1.50
UK Spec Sits	88.2	93.8	..	1.86
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Registrars Dpt, Goring-By-Sea, Worthing, W Sussex Tel: 0634 834313				
Balanced	205.4	218.5c	..	3.19
Do Acc	378.7	402.8	-1.0	3.19
Con Euro Gl	31.5	33.5	+0.3	0.77
Do Acc	31.7	33.7	+0.1	0.77
Energy Int	57.1	60.7	-0.2	2.87
Do Acc	66.0	70.2	-0.2	2.87
Extra Income	185.9	197.7	-0.6	5.13
Do Acc	354.0	376.5	-0.9	5.13
German Gl	48.7	51.8	..	0.82
Do Acc	49.5	52.6	..	0.82
Income	317.9	338.1●	-0.7	4.50
Do Acc	668.2	710.8	-1.6	4.50
Int Tech	169.8	180.6	+0.8	0.28
Do Acc	177.9	189.2	+0.8	0.28
Japan Gth	100.3	106.7●	+1.0	0.01
Do Acc	100.6	107.0●	+0.9	0.01
Mastered Inc	39.39	42.40	-0.16	1.40
Do Acc	39.9	42.4	+0.1	1.40
N Amer & Gen	99.3	105.6	-0.2	1.51
Do Acc	111.0	118.0	-0.2	1.51
N Am SC Rec	52.4	55.7	-0.1	0.01
Do Acc	52.4	55.7	-0.1	0.01
Pacific Basin	149.5	159.0	+1.9	0.24
Do Acc	156.7	166.7	+2.0	0.24
Smlr Co/Rec	274.7	292.2c	-0.4	1.99
Do Acc	318.3	338.4	-0.5	1.99
UK Gth Fund	56.3	59.8	-0.3	2.03
Do Acc	57.5	61.1	-0.2	2.03
Worldwide Gth	181.3	192.8	+0.4	0.76
Do Acc	256.3	272.5	+0.6	0.76
LONDON & MANCHESTER				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS Tel: 0392 282873				
General	49.2	52.2c	-0.1	3.50
Income	45.0	47.8●	-0.1	5.80
International	34.6	36.7	..	0.30
American	27.8	29.6	-0.1	0.80
Japan	52.7	55.9	+0.6	..
Tst of Invest	34.3	36.4●	..	2.10
MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1, Sessions House Square, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX Tel: 0622 674751				
American	20.9	22.2	..	0.71
Emerging	20.1	21.4	-0.1	0.30
General	38.1	40.5	..	2.80
International	52.4	55.7●	-0.1	1.85
Gilt Unit	26.7	28.5c	-0.1	8.07
Inc / Gth	64.6	68.7c	-0.3	3.58
European	27.7	29.5●	+0.1	1.22
Safety First	23.7	25.2	..	6.13
UKj Smr Cos	23.0	24.5	..	3.26
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33, King William St, EC4R 9AS Tel: 01-280 2860				
Amer Gth	82.8	88.0c	-0.2	1.21
Do Acc	87.7	93.2c	-0.3	1.21
Amer Income	40.2	42.7●	-0.1	3.92
Do Acc	46.0	48.9●	-0.2	3.92
European Gth	106.6	113.4	+0.7	1.70
Do Acc	111.5	118.6	+0.7	1.70
General	292.9	311.5	+2.9	2.39
Do Acc	496.1	527.7	+4.8	2.39
Gilt / Fixed	92.4	92.8	-0.4	7.60
Do Acc	114.6	115.1	-0.5	7.60
Income	101.1	107.5	-0.1	3.64
Do Acc	119.6	127.2	-0.2	3.64
International	258.8	276.3	+0.4	1.89
Do Acc	328.2	349.1	+0.5	1.89
Japan	202.1	214.9	+1.1	0.00
Do Acc	207.4	220.6	+1.2	0.00
Recovery	261.0	277.6●	+6.0	2.86
Do Acc	289.2	307.6●	+6.6	2.86
Exempt Dist	288.8	298.2	..	3.35
Do Acc	461.9	473.7	..	3.35
Euro Fd Inc	60.0	63.8	+0.3	4.79
Do Acc	64.1	68.1	+0.4	4.79
Amer Smlr Dist	38.7	41.1	+0.5	0.56
Do Acc	39.2	41.6	+0.5	0.56
Br Blu Chp Dl	42.3	45.0●	+0.1	2.74
Do Acc	43.5	46.2●	+0.1	2.74
Global Dist	42.3	45.0●	..	0.83
Do Acc	42.8	45.5●	-0.1	0.83
High Inc Dist	46.4	49.3●	+0.9	5.48
Do Acc	48.1	51.5●	+1.1	5.48

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Hi Interest Dist	45.3	48.1●	-0.1	9.32
Do Acc	48.3	51.3●	-0.2	9.32
Pacific Dist	36.3	38.6	+0.6	0.19
Do Acc	36.3	38.6	+0.6	0.19
UK Smlr Dist	44.3	47.1	+1.6	2.26
Do Acc	45.2	48.0	+1.6	2.26
Am Sm Co Ex	35.8	36.7●	+0.5	0.40
Do Acc	36.0	36.9●	+0.6	0.40
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Deacon House 192, Eyre St Sheffield S1 3RD Tel: 0742 [illegible]				
Capital Inc	101.4	108.1	+0.1	2.13
Do Acc	141.9	151.3	+0.1	2.13
Commod / Gen	122.3	129.8c	-0.1	2.45
Do Acc	176.2	186.9c	-0.2	2.45
Extra Hi Inc	67.5	71.7●	+0.1	7.07
Do Acc	86.3	91.6●	+0.1	7.07
Gilt/Fxd Inc	54.0	56.5	-0.3	8.86
Do Acc	99.3	103.8	-0.5	8.86
High Yield	189.7	201.3●	..	5.23
Do Acc	341.8	362.7c	-0.1	5.23
Income	208.8	221.6	-0.3	3.79
Do Acc	359.0	381.0	-0.5	3.79
Int Hi St Dl	49.7	52.8●	-0.2	1.90
Do Acc	50.6	53.7●	-0.1	1.90
Japan / Pacific	308.2	328.6	+5.8	0.10
Do Acc	324.0	345.3	+5.9	0.10
N Amer Inc	95.3	101.4	+0.1	1.71
Do Acc	116.0	123.4	+0.1	1.71
Euro Gth Inc	95.0	100.7	+0.4	1.46
Do Acc	115.5	122.5	+0.5	1.46
Managed Port	57.9	61.3	+0.1	1.47
Smlr Co Inc	150.2	159.4	-0.1	1.90
Do Acc	164.2	174.3	-0.2	1.90
MORGAN GRENFELL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
46, New Broad Street, London EC2M 1UT Tel: 01-826 0826 Enquiries: 01-826 0123				
American Gth	94.7	100.7	..	3.38
European Gth	95.2	101.3	+0.3	3.20
Intl Gth	95.3	101.4	+0.4	1.77
UK Equity Inc	97.0	103.2	..	5.09
Do Acc	97.0	103.2	..	5.09
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
7 West Nile Street Glasgow G2 2PX Tel: 0345 090533				
American Inc	92.5	98.7	-0.4	3.66
European	37.5	40.0a	+0.1	1.72
Far Eastern	81.0	86.4	+1.2	0.85
Olympiad	37.8	40.3	+0.2	1.14
Olympiad Inc	33.1	35.3c	-0.1	4.66
Smlr Co	65.7	70.1a	+0.6	1.38
UK Equity Inc	70.1	74.8●	-0.2	4.71
UK Gth	48.1	51.3	-0.3	1.91
M & G SECURITIES				
Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ Tel: 01-626 4588 Dealing : 0245-266266				
Amer / Gen Inc	182.9	193.0	-0.4	1.45
Do Acc	217.3	229.3	-0.5	1.45
Amer Recovery	200.2	214.4●	+0.9	1.09
Do Acc	224.1	238.4	+0.8	1.09
Am Sm Co Acc	43.7	46.2	+0.1	0.17
Australia Acc	104.2	110.2	+0.3	1.49
Commod Acc	288.2	304.1	+2.0	1.73
Compound Gth	512.0	547.8●	+3.8	2.78
Conversn Gth	429.7	458.8	+2.1	3.38
Do Inc	238.3	252.0	+1.4	5.50
Dividend Inc	518.6	548.4	+3.2	5.04
Do Acc	£16.07	17.00	+0.10	5.04
European Acc	247.1	263.2	+1.5	1.38
Extra Yield Inc	295.9	312.9●	+2.7	5.09
Do Acc	682.5	721.7	+6.0	5.09
Far East Inc	132.4	140.0	-0.1	1.77
Do Acc	164.0	173.4	-0.2	1.77
Fd Of Inv Inc	290.7	311.0	+1.2	2.60
Do Acc	469.7	502.6	+1.9	2.60
General Inc	764.6	806.7	+6.4	4.05
Do Acc	£16.86	17.78	+0.14	4.05
Gt/Fxd Interest	60.9	63.9	..	9.23
Do Acc	104.1	109.3	..	9.23
Gold Income	44.0	46.4	+0.3	1.47
Do Acc	47.7	50.3	+0.3	1.47
Hi Income Inc	406.5	435.0	+2.1	5.08
Do Acc	£11.62	12.43	+0.06	5.08
Int Growth Inc	748.9	797.6	+0.3	1.48
Do Acc	£12.23	13.02	+0.00	1.48
Int Income	55.3	58.9●	..	5.57
Japan Acc	991.7	1051.2	+11.2	0.00
Japan Sm Acc	118.0	124.8	+1.1	0.00
Mid / Gen Inc	835.8	883.9●	+4.1	3.90
Do Acc	£21.92	23.18	+0.10	3.90
Recovery Inc	501.1	529.9	+1.0	3.81
Do Acc	669.4	707.9	+1.3	3.81
2nd Gen Inc	887.5	938.5	+7.3	3.41
Do Acc	£18.22	19.27	+0.15	3.41
Smlr Co Inc	931.1	986.3	+3.6	2.80
Do Acc	£15.10	16.15	+0.05	2.80
Trustee Fd Inc	567.6	604.5●	+3.9	4.05
Charifd Inc 3	122.0	e	+10.0	10.47
Charitd Inc 2	485.5	500.5c	..	5.43
Pen Exempt 1	575.8	580.2●	..	4.09
Nascif Inc 3	43.1	e	..	8.57
Do Acc 3	605.3	e	..	8.57
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UK Specialist Trusts				
Gth Gilt	65.3	66.3	-0.1	1.06
Smaller Co	195.3	208.8	+0.4	1.27
Spec Feats	100.5	107.2●	+0.2	0.70
Do Acc	105.9	113.0●	+0.4	0.66
General Funds				
UK Growth	39.2	41.8c	+0.2	2.23
Asst/Earn Di	51.9	55.4	..	2.31
Do Acc	52.7	56.2	..	2.28
GB Co	331.1	353.2	+0.1	2.71
Managed Inv	52.3	55.8	+0.2	1.67
Rupert Child	50.0		..	0.00
High Income Funds				
Extra Income	69.7	74.3	-0.3	6.41
Gilt	26.5	27.9	-0.1	8.43
Income / Gth	251.1	267.8●	-0.3	4.01
Nat High Inc	232.6	248.1●	-1.2	4.56
Pref Shares	20.0	21.3	-0.1	8.46
Sector Specialist Funds				
Commod	135.3	144.3c	-0.3	1.95
Financial Sec	41.2	43.9	..	3.20
Gold	46.7	50.4	+0.2	0.30
Do Acc	48.5	52.3	+0.1	0.29
Int Leisure	15.0	16.0	+0.1	0.00
Prop Shares	74.0	78.9●	+0.1	1.15
Univ Energy	53.8	57.4	+0.1	1.38
World Tech	35.0	37.3	+0.2	0.39
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	107.2	112.2c	-0.3	3.48
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	76.0	81.1●	-0.3	1.74
Australian Gth	37.4	39.9●	+0.2	2.50
Euro Perf	62.5	66.7	+0.2	0.80
Do Acc	62.7	66.9	+0.2	0.79
Euro Smlr Co	11.1	11.8	..	1.36
Far East	61.2	65.3	+1.0	0.00
French Gth	31.2	33.3	+0.2	0.55
Hong Kong	19.4	20.7	-0.1	1.77
Int Growth	34.4	36.7●	+0.1	1.83
Int Recovery	100.7	107.4	+0.4	0.81
Japan Perf	94.8	101.1	+1.7	0.00
Do Acc	94.8	101.1	+1.7	0.00
Japan Sm Cos	22.0	23.5	+0.2	0.00
Sing Asean Inc	24.4	26.0	+0.3	0.70
Do Acc	24.4	26.0	+0.3	0.70
US Sml Co	50.7	54.1	..	0.54
Do Acc	51.2	54.6	..	0.54

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Smaller Co	73.5	78.0c	+0.3	1.75
Do Acc	80.3	85.3c	+0.3	1.75
Pres Canada	42.2	43.9	-0.3	0.09
Pres Commod	45.1	47.0	-0.3	0.08
Pres Europe	90.6	94.4	..	0.00
Pres Global	46.9	48.9	..	5.22
Pres Gold	40.2	41.9	..	0.12
Pres HK	30.2	31.4	..	0.09
Pres Japan	117.6	122.6	+0.9	0.00
Pres Si/Mal	34.4	35.8	-0.1	0.10
Prestige UK	88.8	92.5	..	1.40
Prestige US	56.2	58.6	-0.2	1.46
W'wde Alpha	48.2	51.5	+0.5	..
Do Acc	48.2	51.5	+0.5	..

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Do Acc	301.1	320.3	-1.1	3.17
Gilt & Fixed	48.6	50.8●	..	8.65
Do Acc	72.0	74.9●	-0.2	8.69
Income	261.8	278.6	-0.4	4.48
Do Acc	428.5	455.8	-0.6	4.48
International	306.6	326.1●	..	0.87
Do Acc	387.0	411.6●	+1.5	0.87
Pacific	205.4	218.5	+1.3	0.32
Do Acc	212.8	226.3	+1.3	0.32
Nat Resources	55.4	58.9●	..	1.68
Do Acc	58.2	61.9●	..	1.68
Selected Opps	77.9	82.8●	..	2.41
Do Acc	87.8	93.4●	+0.1	2.40

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	76.8	81.8	+0.4	4.13
Gth	78.6	83.7●	+0.9	2.88
Prop Share	44.7	47.6	..	1.59
Smaller Cos	58.0	61.8●	+0.3	1.97

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1988 High	1988 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
14	7	A & M Gp	10½	12		..	..	42.6
328	278	ASD	320	335	●+5	13.0	4.0	9.2
75	51	ATA Selection	57	62	●	2.5	4.2	14.3
37	23	Aber Am Pet	34	37	+3	..	..	..
60	46	Aberdeen Stk Hse	48	53	-2	1.6e	3.1	..
37	22	Acorn Comp	25	28	+1	..	..	25.2
220	159	Stanhope Props	215	220	..	..	..	..
101	86	Sterling Pub	95	100	..	3.0	3.1	18.6
38	23	Suntech Elect	25	28	● ..	0.8	3.0	9.4
56	38	Sutherland	49	53	●+4	1.5	2.9	20.4
323	293	Synapse Comp	302	312	..	4.4	1.4	18.1
90	55	TDS Circuits	87	92	+2	.. b	..	3.9
173	153	TMD Advert	153	157	+1	3.3	2.1	15.2
148	138	TSB Chan Islands	137	140	..	5.7	4.1	8.5
173	139	TV-AM	142	145	+1	7.5	5.2	9.5
210	170	Task Force	173	183	..	4.0	2.2	17.3
384	264	Tay Homes	372	380	●-3	8.9	2.4	10.7
178	138	Telecomputing	130	145	..	2.1	1.5	11.4
142	135	Thornton GW	130	140	..	5.1	3.8	10.6
46	31	Thorpac	35	40	..	1.6	4.2	15.3
110	80	Tinsley (Eliza)	83	93	-2	4.6	5.2	13.6
87	79	Tiron	85	89	..	..	..	..
87	83	Total Systems	82	87	..	3.4	4.0	15.9
58	50	Towngrade Sec	45	55	..	..	..	80.8
61	56	[illegible] Hldgs	57	62	..	..	..	..
[illegible]	240	Trencherwood	340	370	..	5.2	1.5	15.0
81	54	Trevian Hldgs	78	82	-1	1.4n	1.8	8.6
88	64	Triton	63	67	+1	1.6	2.5	14.5
26½	18	Tubular Exhib	24	26	-1	..	..	..
130	105	Tudor	115	125	●+5	6.9	5.8	9.5
163	120	UCL Group	145	160	●-7	5.5	3.6	13.0
72	41	URS Intl	52	57	+4	..	..	..
209	165	UTC Group	177	185	-2	11.0	6.1	29.7
565	495	Utd Friendly	540	570	..	34.3	6.2	..
160	140	Usher (Frank)	138	143	● ..	8.6	6.2	9.9
71	58	WSP Hldgs	68	73	● ..	2.2	3.1	15.8
75	43	Wayne Kerr	66	70	● ..	2.5	3.7	12.4
33	22	Welpac	21	26	..	0.5	2.1	16.3
56	35	Wentworth	35	40	..	2.4	6.3	12.3
165	118	West Yorkshire	160	165	● ..	6.2	3.8	15.4
253	90	Whitney Mackay	95	105	+7	3.8	3.8	12.8
26½	17	Williams Syst	20	21½	● ..	0.3	7.4	19.1
65	41	William (Rex) Hldgs	50	51	-4	1.0	2.0	43.5
157	123	Wood John D & Co	140	150	..	3.4	2.3	14.7
178	98	Woollons Better	140	160	-5	5.3	3.5	20.7
110	76	Wld of Leather	95	105	●-3	4.4	4.4	13.9
215	145	Wyevale	140	150	..	4.0	2.8	15.1
73	60	Wyko	71	75	..	3.6	4.9	19.1
34	23	Yelverton	32	35	+1	..	..	30.4
79	51	Yorks Tst Go	60	65	..	2.0	3.2	14.6
107	68	Zygal Dynamics	78	88	+1	1.4	1.7	11.9

THIRD MARKET

1988 High	1988 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
200	155	Abelscot	170	185	●-3	6.3	3.5	11.1
37	23	Aber Am Pet	34	37	+3	..	..	..
44	18	Amercoeur	22	27	-1	..	..	..
85	63	Andaman Res	73	78	..	..	..	..
86	58	Beckenham	72	77	+2	..	..	..
185	68	Broadcast	155	163	-2	..	..	..
116	85	Camotech	102	110	+4	3.3	3.1	29.3
145	110	Chelsea Art	130	140	-3	..	..	..
49	30	Chemex Intl	28	33	..	..	..	..
105	65	Comac	100	110	● ..	3.4	3.2	11.6
67	53	Corton Bch	60	63	-1	0.6	1.0	16.7
155	120	Crown Eye	118	128	+3	..	..	37.3
16	10½	[illegible]	10½	12	..	..	..	..
143	93	Far E Res	107	117	..	..	..	..
39	32	[illegible]	36	38	..	..	..	..
56	41	Kemp (PE)	42	47	..	..	..	8.4
101	66	Leading Lsr	86	91	● ..	1.6	1.8	18.4
65	45	Lynx Tech	40	50	..	..	..	5.2
140	89	Medirace	117	122	+2	..	..	..
41	16	Norton Gp	18	21	-1	..	..	..
50	48	Pennine Optical	46	49	..	..	..	13.0
33	13	Pub Hldgs	15	18	+2	..	..	9.8
80	70	Seacon	67	72	..	..	..	..
253	200	Takare	248	258	+3	1.4	0.6	..
58	40	Theme Hldgs	43	48	●	1.5	3.3	11.0
135	120	UPL	117	127	..	..	..	..
142	120	Unit Group	137	147	+2	6.9	4.9	8.0

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 78.0 (day's range 78.0-78.3).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for April 28

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.8730-1.8785	1.8755-1.8765	0.16-0.13pr	0.54-0.50pr
Montrl	2.3022-2.3109	2.3078-2.3109	0.12-0.26ds	0.28-0.44ds
Amstrdm	3.5081-3.5250	3.5081-3.5119	1¼-1⅛pr	3⅝-3⅜pr
Brussels	65.46-65.82	65.47-65.64	16-6pr	44-30pr
Copnhgn	12.0613-12.1075	12.0613-12.0772	⅜-2⅜ds	2⅝-4⅜ds
Dublin	1.1710-1.1772	1.1723-1.1733	22-12pr	55-35pr
Frankft	3.1269-3.1437	3.1278-3.1313	1⅜-1⅛pr	4-3⅝pr
Lisbon	256.06-256.47	256.19-256.27	52-98ds	183-284ds
Madrid	206.66-207.45	206.97-207.45	30-41ds	87-104ds
Milan	2326.56-2338.74	2326.72-2329.67	1-5ds	10-15ds
Oslo	11.5266-11.5810	11.5266-11.5421	5⅜-6½ds	16⅝-17ds
Paris	10.6181-10.6674	10.6181-10.6294	¼pr-½ds	½pr-¾ds
Stckhlm	10.9800-11.0320	10.9800-10.9915	1¼-2ds	3⅝-4½ds
Tokyo	233.34-234.56	233.34-233.66	1-⅞pr	2⅝-2½pr
Vienna	22.00-22.09	22.00-22.03	8½-7¼pr	29⅝-21½pr
Zurich	2.5922-2.6027	2.5922-2.5954	1½-1⅛pr	4¼-3⅞pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	13.7536-13.8526
Australia dollar	2.4680-2.4711
Bahrain dinar	0.7066-0.7100
Brazil cruzado *	250.89-252.05
Cyprus pound	0.8300-0.8400
Finland marka	7.4800-7.5206
Greece drachma	250.75-252.75
Hong Kong dollar	14.6482-14.6590
India rupee	24.76-24.96
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5115-0.5155
Malaysia dollar	4.8259-4.8304
Mexico peso	4220-4320
New Zealand dollar	2.7832-2.7889
Saudi Arabia riyal	7.0223-7.0625
Singapore dollar	3.7518-3.7557
S Africa rand (fin)	5.3028-5.4133
S Africa rand (com)	4.0264-4.0343
U A E dirham	6.8750-6.9150

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5970-1.5985	Denmark	6.4225-6.4275	Italy	1240.0-1241.0
Singapore	2.0015-2.0025	W Germany	1.6680-1.6690	Belgium (Com)	34.88-34.93
Malaysia	2.5745-2.5755	Switzerland	1.3827-1.3837	Hong Kong	7.8158-7.8168
Australia	1.3166-1.3176	Netherlands	1.8705-1.8715	Portugal	136.60-137.00
Canada	1.2290-1.2300	France	5.6670-5.6700	Spain	110.37-110.47
Sweden	5.8570-5.8620	Japan	124.55-124.65	Austria	11.73-11.74
Norway	6.1460-6.1510				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 8 Finance Hse 9½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 6⅞ Low 5⅞ Week fixed: 7⅝
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 7⅜ 3 mth – 7⅜
Selling: 2 mth – 7¹³⁄₁₆ 3 mth – 7⅜
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 7²⁵⁄₃₂-7²¹⁄₃₂
2 mth: 7¹⁵⁄₁₆-7⅞ 3 mth: 8-7¹⁵⁄₁₆ 6 mth 8⅜-8¼
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 8¹³⁄₃₂
2 mth: 8⁹⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 8⅝ 6 mth 9
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 7⅝ close 5
1 week: 7⅞-7⅞ 1 mth: 8¹⁄₁₆-7¹⁵⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 8⁷⁄₁₆-8⁵⁄₁₆
6 mth: 8¹³⁄₁₆-¾ 9 mth: 9³⁄₁₆-9¹⁄₁₆ 12 mth: 9⁵⁄₁₆-9³⁄₁₆
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 7½ 7 day: 7¾ 1 mth: 8
3 mth: 8⁵⁄₁₆ 6 mth: 8⅝ 12 mth: 9¹⁄₁₆
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 8⅜-8¼ 2 mth: 8⅜-8¼ 3 mth: 8⁷⁄₁₆-8⁵⁄₁₆
6 mth: 8¹¹⁄₁₆-8⁷⁄₁₆ 9 mth: 8¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆ 12 mth: 9⅛-8⅞
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 7¹⁵⁄₁₆-7¹³⁄₁₆
3 mth: 8⁵⁄₁₆-8³⁄₁₆ 6 mth: 8¾-8⅝ 12 mth 9⅛-9
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 6.95-6.90
3 mth: 7.10-7.05 6 mth: 7.30-7.25 12 mth 7.75-7.70

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: April 29, 1988. Agreed rates May 25, 1988 to June 25, 1988. Scheme I: 9.72 per cent. Schemes II & III: 9.58 per cent. Reference rate April 1, 1988 to April 29, 1988. Schemes IV & V: 8.402 per cent.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	6⅞-6⅝	7-6⅞	7⅜-7¼	7½-7⅜
Call: 6⅞-5⅞				
Deutschemark:	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3½-3⅜	3⅝-3½
Call: 3½-2½				
French Franc:	7⅞-7⅝	8¹⁄₁₆-7¹⁵⁄₁₆	8¼-8⅛	8⅝-8½
Call: 7⅜-6⅞				
Swiss Franc:	1⅞-1⅝	2¹⁄₁₆-1¹⁵⁄₁₆	9-8¹³⁄₁₆	9¹⁄₁₆-9
Call: 1½-⅞				
Yen:	3¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	3⅞-3¾	4¹⁄₁₆-3¹⁵⁄₁₆	4³⁄₁₆-4¹⁄₁₆
Call: 3⅝-2⅞				

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $451.50-452.00 Close: $451.25-451.75
High: $452.25-452.75 Low: $451.00-451.50

COINS: Per coin (Ex VAT)
Britannia: $465.00-470.00 (£248.00-251.00)
Krugerrand: $450.00-453.00 (£240.00-242.00)
Mapleleaf (/1oz): $465.00-470.00 (£248.00-251.00)
American Eagles: $465.00-470.00 (£248.00-251.00)
New Sovereigns: $106.25-107.25 (£56.50-57.25)
Old Sovereigns: $106.25-107.75 (£56.50-57.50)
Platinum: $521.00 (£277.85)
Palladium: $123.50 (£65.85)
Silver: $6.49-6.51 (£3.4625-3.4775)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 30639		
Jun 88	91.25	91.27	91.05	91.12	13849
Sep 88	90.88	90.88	90.69	90.74	1076
Dec 88	90.64	90.64	90.48	90.50	228
Mar 89	90.40	90.40	90.40	90.32	24
Jun 89	NT	—	—	90.16	0
Sep 89	Nt	—	—	90.01	0
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 31769		
Jun 88	92.49	92.49	92.42	92.44	4708
Sep 88	92.15	92.16	92.09	92.11	1401
Dec 88	91.90	91.90	91.81	91.83	429
Mar 89	91.66	91.68	91.60	91.63	146
Jun 89	91.48	91.46	91.48	91.45	2
Sep 89	NT	—	—	91.29	0

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 7887		
Jun 88	88-16	88-16	88-00	88-04	5561
Sep 88	NT	—	—	87-04	0
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 27358		
Jun 88	120-14	120-14	119-22	120-07	34165
Sep 88	95-29	96-03	95-29	96-02	38
Dec 88	NT	—	—	—	
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 10402		
Jun 88	179.60	180.70	179.30	179.70	1210
Sep 88	NT	—	—	181.20	0
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 412		
Jun 88	108.15	108.16	107.95	107.97	390
Sep 88	NT	—	—	107.18	0

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

Crude and Products suffered a number of ups and downs as traders kneejerked nervously to Opec-Nopec rumours and speculation. At press time prices had weakened with the market increasingly losing faith in the possibility of a positive outcome in Vienna.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	16.95	-45
15 day May	16.95	-45
15 day Jun	17.00	-45
WTI Jun	18.15	-50
WTI Jul	18.10	-50

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15	+1	191-192	+1
Gasoil EEC	-2	159-162	-2
Non 2H Apr	-1	156-157	-2
Non 2H May	-3	154-155	-2
3.5 Fuel Oil	-3	84-85	-4
Naphtha	-1	162-163	-1

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
Apr 88 Hi 1381-1381 Low Close 1381.0
Jul 88 Hi 1242.5-1225Low Close 1242.0
Oct 88 Hi 1340-1325 Low Close 1340.0
Jan 89 Hi 1335-1335 Low Close 1346.5
Vol 433 lots Open Interest 2057
Dry cargo index 1368.5 -9.0 on 27/4/88

GAS OIL G W Joynson

May	151.25-51.00
Jun	147.25-47.00
Jul	145.50-45.25
Aug	147.25-47.00
Sep	148.00-47.75
Oct	149.50-48.00
Nov	150.00-49.00
Dec	150.50-49.50
Jan	151.00-50.00
Vol	5400

HVY FUEL OIL Reuter

May	unq.
Jun	unq.
Vol	0

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
May	80.3	79.6
Nov	87.0	84.6
Feb	95.5	94.0
Apr	125.9	124.8

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LONDON FOX

COCOA G W Joynson
May 906-905 Mar 981-980
Jul 923-922 May 1001-998
Sep 940-938 Jul 1018-1015
Dec 960-959 Vol 3518

COFFEE G W Joynson
May 1033-1032 Jan 1117-1113
Jul 1054-1053 Mar 1138-1130
Sep 1074-1072 May 1160-1150
Nov 1093-1090 Vol 5385

SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 2203
May 196.0-96.2 Dec 195.0-97.0
Aug 196.0-96.2 Mar 197.8-98.0
Oct 197.0-97.2 May 198.4-99.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 166
My 104.00 Jl 106.95 Sp 101.55
Nv 103.50 Ja 106.15 Mr 108.20
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 18
My 103.75 Sp 98.60 Nv 101.00
Ja 103.20 Mr 104.85 My 107.05

SOYABEAN
Jun 128.5-25.2 Feb 133.5-31.0
Aug 125.5-24.5 Apr 133.5-31.0
Oct 126.5-26.0 Jun 132.5-30.5
Dec 129.5-28.5 Vol 56

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Official prices/volume previous day Rudolf Wolff

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1149.0-1150.0	1091.0-1092.0	223475	Firmer
Copper Stand	1095.0-1105.0	1050.0-1060.0	550	Quiet
Lead	349.00-349.50	332.00-332.50	43475	Steady
Zinc Hi Gde	582.50-583.00	574.00-575.00	88850	Steadier
Silver Large†	647.00-647.50	658.00-658.50	28	Quiet
Silver Small†	647.00-647.50	658.00-658.50	Nil	Quiet
Aluminium	1258.0-1259.0	1139.0-1141.0	172325	Firmer
Aluminium Hi*	2360.0-2380.0	2160.0-2180.0	11975	Quiet
Nickel*	19000-19200	14000-14100	10632	Firmer

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (/kg)
Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Jun	88.2	88.2
Aug	88.3	88.3
Oct	91.0	91.0
Nov	91.5	91.5

Live Cattle Contract

Apr	109.0	109.0
Jun	unq.	unq.
Aug	unq.	unq.

Vol Pig-0 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on April 28

(kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	71.28	201.82	110.61
GB (+/–)	+3.49	+10.53	+0.52
Eng/Wal (%)	-20.3	+1.5	-16.3
Eng/Wal (p)	71.40	203.28	110.38
Eng/Wal (+/–)	+3.36	+10.85	+0.47
Scotland (%)	-59.1	-17.8	-25.1
Scotland (p)	67.45	189.73	111.00
Scotland (+/–)	+4.23	+6.40	+0.98

* Estimated dead carcase weight

Police cannot be sued over Sutcliffe murder

Hill v Chief Constable of West Yorkshire Police

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Templeman, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton and Lord Goff of Chieveley

[Speeches April 28]

As a matter of law, and also of public policy, an action could not be brought against the police in respect of their failure to identify and apprehend a criminal where that failure had resulted in his committing further offences.

The House of Lords so held in dismissing an appeal by Mrs Doreen Hill against the order of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Glidewell and Sir Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce) (*The Times* February 19, 1987; [1988] QB 60) upholding the order of Sir Neil Lawson, sitting as a deputy judge of the High Court, by which he struck out her claim for damages in negligence against the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire Police in respect of the death of her daughter.

Mr Richard Clegg, QC and Mr John Morris Collins for Mrs Hill; Mr Alan Rawley, QC and Mr Richard Rains for the chief constable.

LORD KEITH said that in 1975 a man named Peter Sutcliffe embarked upon a terrifying career of violent crime, centred in the metropolitan police area of West Yorkshire. All his victims were young or fairly young women.

Between July 1975 and November 1980 he had committed 13 murders and eight attempted murders upon such women, the *modus operandi* in each case being similar.

His last victim was Jacqueline Hill, a student aged 20, whom he murdered in Leeds on November 17, 1980. By chance, he was arrested in suspicious circumstances in Sheffield on January 2, 1981 and confessed to the series of murders and attempted murders following interrogation. He was convicted of, *inter alia*, the murder of Miss Hill.

Miss Hill's mother and sole personal representative sued the chief constable under section 48(1) of the Police Act 1964. She had averred that the circumstances of the 20 offences committed by Sutcliffe before the death of Miss Hill were such that it was reasonable to infer that they were all committed by the same man and that if not apprehended he would commit further offences of the same nature.

She had alleged that it was accordingly the duty of the police to exercise all reasonable care and skill to apprehend him and so protect the members of the public who might otherwise be his future victims.

She alleged failure to collate properly information in possession of the force pointing to Sutcliffe as a likely suspect and failure to give due weight to certain pieces of information while according excessive importance to others.

In considering whether the statement of claim was rightly struck out it had to be assumed that the averments of fact therein contained were true.

There was no question that a police officer, like anyone else, might be liable in tort to a person who was injured as a direct result of his acts or omissions. Further, he might be guilty of a criminal offence if he wilfully failed to perform a duty which he was bound to perform by common law or by statute.

But the common law, while laying upon chief officers of police an obligation to enforce the law, made no specific requirements as to the manner in which the obligation was to be discharged. That was not a situation where there could readily be inferred an intention of the common law to create a duty towards individual members of the public.

Counsel for the appellant, however, had sought to equiparate the situation to that which resulted in liability on the ground of negligence in *Anns v Merton London Borough Council* ([1978] AC 728), that the police, having decided to investigate the Sutcliffe murders, owed to his potential future victims a duty to do so with reasonable care.

The foundation of the duty of care was said to be reasonable foreseeability of harm to potential future victims if Sutcliffe were not promptly apprehended.

It had been said almost too frequently to require repetition that foreseeability of likely harm was not in itself a sufficient test of liability in negligence. Some further ingredient was invariably needed to establish the requisite proximity of relationship between plaintiff and defendant, and all the circumstances of the case had to be carefully considered and analysed in order to ascertain whether such an ingredient was present.

In *Dorset Yacht Co Ltd v Home Office* ([1970] AC 1004) the class of persons to whom a duty of care might be owed to prevent the escape of detainees was held to be limited.

That case was concerned with the special characteristics or ingredients beyond reasonable foreseeability of likely harm which might result in civil liability for failure to control another man to prevent his doing harm to a third. The present case fell broadly into the same category.

It was plain that vital characteristics which were present in the *Dorset Yacht* case and which led to the imposition of liability were lacking in the present case.

Sutcliffe was never in the custody of the police force. Miss Hill was one of a vast number of the female general public who might be at risk from his activities but was at no special distinctive risk in relation to them, unlike the owners of yachts moored off the island where the borstal boys were encamped in relation to their foreseeable conduct.

In Lord Diplock's view in the *Dorset Yacht* case, no liability would rest upon a prison authority, which carelessly allowed the escape of an habitual criminal, for damage which he subsequently caused, not in the course of attempting to make good his getaway to persons at special risk, but in further pursuance of his general criminal career to the person or property of members of the general public.

The same rule had to apply as regards failure to recapture the criminal before he had time to resume his career. In the case of an escaped criminal his identity and description were known.

In the instant case the identity of the wanted criminal was at the material time unknown and it was not averred that any full or clear description of him was ever available.

The alleged negligence of the police consisted in a failure to discover his identity. But if there was no general duty of care owed to individual members of the public by the responsible authorities to prevent the escape of a known criminal or to recapture him, there could not reasonably be imposed upon any police force a duty of care similarly owed to identify and apprehend an unknown one.

Miss Hill could not for that purpose be regarded as a person at special risk simply because she was young and female. Where the class of potential victims of a particular habitual criminal was a large one the precise size of it could not in principle affect the issue. All householders were potential victims of an habitual burglar, and all females those of an habitual rapist.

The conclusion had to be that although there existed reasonable foreseeability of likely harm to such as Miss Hill if Sutcliffe were not identified and apprehended, there was absent from the case any such ingredient or characteristic capable of establishing a duty of care owed towards her by the West Yorkshire Police.

That was sufficient to dispose of the appeal, but there was another reason why an action for damages in negligence should not lie against the police in circumstances such as those of the present case and that was public policy.

The general sense of public duty which motivated police forces was unlikely to be appreciably reinforced by the imposition of such liability so far as concerned their function in the investigation and suppression of crime.

From time to time they made mistakes in the exercise of that function, but it was not to be doubted that they applied their best endeavours to the performance of it.

In some instances the imposition of liability might lead to the exercise of a function being carried out in a detrimentally defensive frame of mind. The possibility of that happening in relation to the investigative operations of the police could not be excluded.

Further, it would be reasonable to expect that if potential liability were to be imposed it would be not uncommon for actions to be raised against police forces on the ground that they had failed to catch some criminal as soon as they might have done, with the result that he went on to commit further crimes.

While some such actions might involve allegations of a simple and straightforward type of failure, others would be likely to enter deeply into the general nature of a police investigation, as indeed the present action would seek to do.

The manner of conduct of such an investigation must necessarily involve a variety of decisions to be made on matters of policy and discretion, for example as to which particular line of inquiry was most advantageously to be pursued and what was the most advantageous way to deploy the available resources.

Many such decisions would not be regarded by the courts as appropriate to be called in question, yet elaborate investigation of the facts might be necessary to ascertain whether or not that was so.

A great deal of police time, trouble and expense might be expected to have to be put into the preparation of the defence to the action and the attendance of witnesses at the trial. The result would be a significant diversion of police manpower and attention from their most important function, that of the suppression of crime.

Lord Brandon, Lord Oliver and Lord Goff agreed.

LORD TEMPLEMAN, also agreeing, said that Mrs Hill was tormented with the unshakable belief that her daughter would be alive today if the West Yorkshire police force had been more efficient. That belief was entitled to respect and understanding. The question for determination in the appeal was whether an action for damages was an appropriate vehicle for investigating the efficiency of a police force.

The present action would be confined to narrow, albeit perplexing, questions, for example, whether, discounting hindsight, it should have been obvious to a senior police officer that Sutcliffe was a prime suspect, whether a senior police officer should not have been deceived by an evil hoaxer, whether an officer interviewing Sutcliffe should have been better briefed, and whether a report on Sutcliffe should have been given greater attention.

The court would have to consider the conduct of each police officer, to decide whether the policeman failed to attain the standard of care of a hypothetical average policeman.

The court would have to decide whether an inspector was to be condemned for failing to display the acumen of Sherlock Holmes and whether a constable was to be condemned for being as obtuse as Dr Watson.

The plaintiff would presumably seek evidence, for what it was worth, from retired police inspectors, who would be asked whether they would have been misled by the hoaxer, and whether they would have identified Sutcliffe at an earlier stage.

At the end of the day the court might or might not find that there had been negligence by one or more members of the police force. But that finding would not help anybody or punish anybody.

The efficiency of a police force could only be investigated by an inquiry instituted by the national or local authorities which were responsible to the electorate for that efficiency.

A police force served the public and the elected representatives of the public had to ensure that the public got the police force they deserved. It might be that the West Yorkshire police force was in 1980 in some respects better and in some respects worse than the public deserved.

An action for damages for alleged acts of negligence by individual police officers in 1980 could not determine whether and in what respects the West Yorkshire police force could be improved in 1988.

Solicitors. Appleby, Hope & Matthews, Middlesbrough; Frere Cholmeley for Mr J. W. F. Holt, Wakefield.

Crown immunity provides no defence in radiation illness claim

Pearce v Secretary of State for Defence and Another

Before Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Elwyn-Jones, Lord Lowry, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook and Lord Goff of Chieveley

[Speeches April 28]

The Crown was not entitled to rely on section 10 of the Crown Proceedings Act 1947 as a defence to an action by the plaintiff for damages for personal injuries suffered between December 1957 and October 1958 when he had been a serving soldier on Christmas Island where nuclear tests were being carried out by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority ("UKAEA").

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by the defendants, the Secretary of State for Defence and the Ministry of Defence, from the Court of Appeal (*The Times* August 5, 1987; [1988] 2 WLR 144), who by a majority (Lord Justice O'Connor and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson, Lord Justice Neill dissenting) had dismissed their appeal from Mr Justice Caulfield (*The Times* December 31, 1986; [1987] 2 WLR 782).

Section 10 of the 1947 Act provides: "(2) No proceedings in tort shall lie against the Crown for death or personal injury due to anything suffered by a member of the armed forces of the Crown if—(a) that thing is suffered by him in consequence of the nature or condition of any . . . land, premises, ship, aircraft or vehicle [for the time being used for the purposes of the armed forces of the Crown],ir in consequence of the nature or condition of any equipment or supplies used for the purposes of those forces."

Section 6(5) of the Atomic Energy Authority Act 1954 provides: "[UKAEA] are not to be treated for the purposes of the enactments and rules of law relating to the privileges of the Crown as a body exercising functions on behalf of the Crown . . .".

Section 1(2) of the Atomic Energy Authority (Weapons Group) Act 1973 provides: ". . . there shall be transferred to the secretary of state . . . (b) . . . all such property, rights, liabilities and obligations as immediately before the appointed day belonged to or were incumbent upon [UKAEA] and appertained to the Weapons Group."

Section 4(2) provides: "Where any right, liability or obligation is transferred to the secretary of state by virtue of this Act, he and all other persons shall, on and after the appointed day, have the same rights, powers and remedies (and in particular, the same rights as to the taking or resisting of legal proceedings) for ascertaining, perfecting or enforcing that right, liability or obligation as they would have had if it had at all times been a right, liability or obligation of the secretary of state; and any legal proceedings by or against [UKAEA] which relate to any property, right, liability or obligation transferred to the secretary of state by virtue of this Act, and are pending immediately before the appointed day, may be continued on and after that day by or against the secretary of state."

Mr Andrew Collins, QC and Mr George Pulman for the defendants; Mr John Macdonald, QC and Mr Patrick Elias for the plaintiff, Mr Melvyn Bruce Pearce.

LORD BRANDON said that the question whether section 10 of the 1947 Act provided the defendants with a complete defence to the plaintiff's action had been tried as a preliminary point of law.

The facts pleaded in the plaintiff's statement of claim, which had to be assumed to be correct, were that from December 1957 to October 1958 the plaintiff, then serving as a lance-corporal in the Royal Engineers, had been required to perform duties on Christmas Island in the Pacific Ocean where tests on nuclear weapons were being carried out by UKAEA for the government.

While he had been performing those duties, he had been exposed to dangerous amounts of radiation. That exposure had occurred by reason of the negligence of UKAEA, its servants or agents, which had included failure to devise effective protective measures against radiation and to require the plaintiff to act in accordance with them.

In consequence of his exposure to dangerous amounts of radiation, the plaintiff had since 1966 suffered from serious illnesses, which continued.

The defendants argued that the effect of section 4(2) of the 1973 Act was that any liability incurred originally by UKAEA, and subsequently transferred to the secretary of state by section 1(2), was to be treated as if it had always been his liability.

If the assumed liability of UKAEA to the plaintiff had in fact always been a liability of the secretary of state, the latter would have been entitled to rely on section 10 as a defence to any claim in respect of it.

Therefore, he was entitled to rely on section 10 as a defence to the action.

In support of that argument, especial reliance was placed on the words in brackets in section 4(2) "and in particular, the same rights as to the . . . resisting of legal proceedings".

Plausible as that argument appeared to be, there were a number of reasons why it could not be accepted.

First, section 1(2) of the 1973 Act expressly provided for the transfer to the secretary of state of the existing liabilities of UKAEA. If a liability of UKAEA was capable, when it was transferred to the secretary of state, of ceasing to be a liability at all, because the secretary of state could rely on a defence to a claim made to enforce it on which UKAEA could not have relied, the result was, in substance, that there was no effective transfer of liability. That was inconsistent with the expressed purpose of section 1(2) and could not be right.

Second the defendants' argument meant that a person with an accrued right against UKAEA could have it retrospectively defeated as a result of UKAEA's liability being transferred to the secretary of state.

It was an established principle in the construction of statutory provisions that they should not be interpreted as taking away accrued rights unless they expressly or by necessary implication so provided.

Section 4(2) did not contain any words that expressly took away accrued rights. The question was, therefore, whether there was any necessary implication that it was intended to do so.

That depended on whether the express provision that a transferred liability was to be treated as always having been a liability of the secretary of state could be given a sensible meaning that did not involve taking away accrued rights.

In his Lordship's opinion, it could. The meaning was that the transferred liability was to be treated, for the purposes of the law of limitation of actions, as having accrued against the secretary of state at the date on which it had accrued against UKAEA.

Third, the defendants' argument, if correct, might produce a very curious situation in the case of an action against UKAEA that had been pending immediately before the appointed day and had been continued against the secretary of state on and after that day in accordance with the last part of section 4(2).

Suppose that, in such a case, UKAEA had before the appointed day served a defence in which they had not relied, because they had not been entitled to rely, on section 10 of the 1947 Act.

According to the defendants' argument, it would have been open to the secretary of state, on or after the appointed day, to amend what had been UKAEA's defence but had by then become his defence by pleading section 10, so perhaps defeating a claim that would otherwise have succeeded.

His Lordship found it difficult to believe that the legislature could have intended such a manifestly unjust result.

Fourth, examination of other statutes showed that formulae the same as or very similar to that used in section 4(2), including the words in brackets on which the defendants especially relied, had regularly been used by the legislature in relation to the transfer of rights, liabilities and obligations from one or more existing persons or bodies to one or more successor persons or bodies in cases where no question of taking away accrued rights could have arisen.

In the light of that, his Lordship could see no good reason for interpreting section 4(2) as having the unusual and drastic effect that the defendants' argument involved.

Accordingly, in his Lordship's opinion, the defendants were not entitled to rely on section 10 as a defence to the plaintiff's action.

Having regard to that view, it was not necessary to decide whether, if they had been so entitled, it would have provided them with an effective defence. Moreover, the plaintiff had not sought to challenge the Court of Appeal's decision on the question.

However, his Lordship thought it appropriate to express an opinion, because the Court of Appeal, in reaching their conclusion, had disagreed with and declined to apply an earlier decision of that court and it was desirable that the conflict of decisions that had arisen should be resolved.

Mr Justice Caulfield had held that section 10(1) of the 1947 Act did not provide the defendants with a defence because, although the plaintiff had at all material times been a member of the armed forces of the Crown, the servants or agents of UKAEA, by reason of whose acts or omissions UKAEA had incurred liability to him, had not been members of such armed forces. That was clearly correct.

With regard to subsection (2), he had held that it did not provide the defendants with a defence either.

His reasoning had been that the expression "anything suffered", as used in subsection (2), meant the acts or omissions relied on as giving rise to liability; the acts or omissions of the servants or agents of UKAEA suffered by the plaintiff had not been suffered by him in consequence of the nature or condition of any land, premises, ship, aircraft or vehicle used for the purposes of the armed forces of the Crown, or of the nature or condition of any equipment or supplies used for such purposes; therefore, the defendants could not bring themselves within the protection of the subsection.

In so reasoning, the judge had been much influenced by the decision of the Court of Appeal in *Bell v Secretary of State for Defence* ([1986] QB 322), in which it had been held that the references to a "thing" being "suffered" in section 10(1) were references to the acts or omissions relied on as giving rise to liability.

The Court of Appeal in the present case had been firmly of the opinion that all references to "anything suffered" or to a "thing" being "suffered", in both subsection (1) and subsection (2), were references not to the acts or omissions relied on as giving rise to liability but to the casualty or other event caused by the acts or omissions from which personal injury or death had resulted.

Applying that interpretation, they had held that the thing suffered by the plaintiff had been his exposure to radiation; that that exposure had been suffered by him in consequence of the nature or condition of the land, premises, etc, used by the armed forces of the Crown; and that the defendants, therefore, if they had been entitled to rely on section 10 at all, would have been able to bring themselves within the protection from liability given by subsection (2).

His Lordship agreed entirely with Lord Justice Ralph Gibson's analysis of *Bell* and with his conclusion, concurred in by Lord Justice O'Connor and Lord Justice Neill, that in relation to the meaning of the expressions "anything suffered" or a "thing" being "suffered" in section 10(1) *Bell* had been wrongly decided.

Accordingly, his Lordship agreed with the Court of Appeal that, if it were necessary to answer the question, it should be answered in the affirmative.

Lord Bridge, Lord Elwyn-Jones, Lord Lowry and Lord Goff agreed.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Pannone Napier.

Missing screws on panel self-evident breach of safety Act

Tesco Stores Ltd v Seabridge

Before Lord Justice Woolf and Mr Justice Hutchison

[Judgment April 25]

The fact that two or three out of four screws were missing from a protective panel which covered live electric wires made a breach of section 2 of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 self-evident.

Furthermore, it was inappropriate to seek to sustain an appeal by way of case stated by drawing a comparison between the terms of a draft of the case and the case as finally signed.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing an appeal by way of case stated by Tesco Stores Ltd from the decision of Stoke-on-Trent Magistrates Court on April 9, 1987 that Tesco had failed to discharge the duty imposed on it by section 2(1) of the 1974 Act.

Section 2 provides: "(1) It shall be the duty of every employer to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare at work of all its employees.

"(2) Without prejudice to the generality of an employer's duty under the preceding subsection, the matters to which that duty extends include in particular — *(a)* the provision and maintenance of plant and systems of work that are, so far as is reasonably practicable, safe and without risks to health . . ."

Mr Piers Reed for Tesco; Mr Stephen Hockman for the prosecution.

MR JUSTICE HUTCHISON said the allegation against Tesco was that, being an employer, it had failed on September 4, 1986 at its store at Newhall Street, Stoke-on-Trent, to discharge the duty imposed by section 2(1) of the 1974 Act in that the control panel of a goods lift used in connection with the use, handling and transport of vehicles and substances was not securely fixed causing an employee to be injured, contrary to section 33(1)(a) of the 1974 Act.

The justices found that on September 4, 1986 David Andrew Cartwright was working as a part-time assistant when he sustained a severe burn to the inside of his wrist and the back of his hand as a result of an electric shock caused by his hand coming into contact with the area behind the control panel of the lift.

The panel had provision for four screws and at least two and probably three of them were missing and that made the panel insecure. The screws had been missing from the panel on the day of the accident and on other days prior to the accident but that had not been reported by the assistants who gave evidence.

There was, in theory, an adequate system of checking the lifts but the system had not been adhered to.

In the present hearing Mr Reed took two points on behalf of Tesco. First, he invited the court to look at the draft case stated. However, his Lordship regarded it as entirely inappropriate to seek to sustain an appeal by drawing a comparison between the terms of the draft and the case as finally signed.

The second point was that in the light of certain answers given by Mr Cartwright in cross-examination, the justices should have found his evidence so discredited that they should not have convicted Tesco on it.

His Lordship found that Mr Hockman had rightly suggested that that point relied on by Tesco concentrated on the fact of the nature and causes of the injury sustained, when what it should have been concerned with was the condition of the control panel and whether that constituted a breach of the relevant statutory provisions.

However, the words of section 2 of the Act made it quite clear that what was involved to prove the offence was to show that employers had not, so far as was reasonably practicable, ensured the health, safety and welfare of its employees.

From the fact that three screws were missing from the panel it was self-evident that in that state it constituted a breach of the statutory provisions.

Lord Justice Woolf delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Lovell White & King; Sharpe Pritchard for Mr S. W. Titchener, Stoke-on-Trent.

Entering case on commercial waiting list without consent

Practice Direction: Commercial Court Waiting List (No 2)

Any party to a case awaiting trial who wished to enter his case in the Commercial Court waiting list, but who could not obtain the consent of all parties, could apply for an order from the judge in charge of the Commercial List, that the case should be entered on the list, Mr Justice Hirst stated in issuing a practice direction in the Queen's Bench Division on April 22.

MR JUSTICE HIRST said that following the establishment of a waiting list for Commercial Court cases of an estimated duration of four days or less (see *Practice Direction: Commercial Court Waiting List* (The Times February 8, 1988)) it appeared that the requirement of consent from all parties was a serious drawback to the working of the scheme.

To meet that criticism, and to secure other improvments, the following changes, approved by all the judges of the Commercial Court, would apply from now onwards.

1 For cases awaiting trial any party who wished to enter his case in the waiting list but was unable to secure the party's consent could apply on two clear days' notice to his Lordship for an order that the case should be so entered. Such applications, on which all parties would be entitled to be heard, would normally be heard on Fridays.

Furthermore, the waiting list would no longer be restricted to cases of four days' estimated duration or less, although a longer case was more difficult to fit in and less likely to be listed for hearing.

2 Under existing practice short summonses, although usually heard on Fridays, had been treated as available for listing on other days at short notice. In future all summonses, whatever their estimated duration, and also any application for leave to appeal against arbitration awards, would be liable to be listed at short notice at any time. The same would apply to arbitration appeals.

In addition his Lordship wished to draw attention to problems which had arisen in relation to the submission of papers for Commercial Court summonses.

The requirements clearly set out in Section V of the *Guide to Commercial Court Practice* were frequently not being followed.

Compliance would in future be rigorously enforced and without modifying any of the previous directions, his Lordship wished to stress and to some extent refine the more important requirements:

(i) Copies, not originals, of the relevant documents should be lodged in the Commercial Court Listing Office by noon two days before the date fixed for the hearing.

Those should include the main pleadings and the affidavits and exhibits, which should all be bound in a convenient loose-leaf file.

(ii) Counsel's skeleton arguments must be lodged not later than 4pm on the day before the hearing, preferably with the documents. Unless otherwise arranged these should be lodged in the Commercial Court Listing Office and not delivered to the judge or the court. Those needed to do no more than outline the main submissions so that the judge knew what points were in issue.

Where no papers were lodged at the appointed time, the Clerk to the Commercial Court already had instructions not to list the summons for hearing. In addition, in future he would report to the judge any instance of partial non-compliance and parties in default must expect to incur penalties in costs.

International Tin Council is immune from winding-up jurisdiction

In re International Tin Council

Before Lord Justice Kerr, Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson

[Judgment April 27]

The International Tin Council could not have been intended to be subject to the winding-up jurisdiction under the Companies Act 1985 and the immunity conferred on the ITC by the International Tin Council (Immunities and Privilege) Order (SI 1972 No 120) included immunity from the winding-up process.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment, dismissing an appeal by the petitioners, Amalgamated Metal Trading Ltd, and supported by Kleinwort Benson Ltd, from an order of Mr Justice Millett (*The Times* January 27, 1987; [1987] Ch 419).

On an application by the ITC the judge had struck out the petition by Amalgamated Metal seeking to wind up the ITC on the ground that although the ITC fell within the literal meaning of "association" in section 665 of the Companies Act 1985, Parliament could not have intended to subject it to the winding-up jurisdiction of the English court and that the immunity from "suit and legal process" conferred on the ITC by paragraph 6(1) of the 1972 Order included immunity from the winding up process.

On November 12, 1986, Amalgamated Metal, having obtained an arbitration award of *£5.3m* which remained unsatisfied, presented a petition seeking an order that the ITC might be wound up by the court under the Companies Act 1985 or that such other order might be made as to the court should seem just.

By a notice of motion dated November 26 the ITC applied for a declaration that the court had no jurisdiction to make that order and for an order that the petition be struck out.

The grounds of the application were, *inter alia*:

1 that the ITC was an international organization established by a treaty concluded between sovereign states and that its status was governed by public international law and not English domestic law;

2 that being an international organization the ITC could not be brought to an end, altered or administered under English domestic law;

3 that the making, amending and terminating of treaties was a Crown prerogative and it was therefore outside the jurisdiction of the English courts to purport to wind up or otherwise bring to an end a body established by international treaty;

4 that the first International Tin Agreement, the treaty establishing the ITC, and the Sixth International Tin Agreement ("ITA6"), the treaty which established the ITC as presently existing, had not been incorporated into English law so that their terms and effect were not cognisable by the English courts;

5 that the ITA6 had its own termination procedures governed by international law, and could not be displaced by English law provisions;

6 that the winding up by the English courts would involve the United Kingdom in violation of its treaty obligations under the agreements;

7 that under the Headquarters Agreement and article 6 of the 1972 Order, the ITC was immune from the jurisdiction of the English courts, except as expressly provided, and was immune from such winding-up proceedings which did not constitute the enforcement of an arbitration award and

8 that the ITC's property and assets, including its administrative account, were immune from the jurisdiction of the English courts, except as expressly provided in the Headquarters Agreement and the 1972 Order.

At the hearing of the motion the Attorney General was given leave by the judge to be joined as a respondent and argued in support of the ITC's motion.

Mr Andrew Morritt, QC, Mr Elihu Lauterpacht, QC, Mr Richard Plender and Mr Patrick Howell for Amalgamated Metal; Mr Mark Barnes for Kleinwort Benson; Mr Robert Alexander, QC, Mr Richard Sykes, QC, Mr Nicholas Chambers, QC, Mrs Rosalyn Higgins, QC, Mr Peter Irvin and Mr Leslie Kosmin for the ITC; Mr Anthony Grabiner, QC, Mr Nicolas Bratza, QC and Mr David A. S. Richards for the Attorney General.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE, giving the judgment of the court, said that being in no doubt that the judge's decision of both points was correct and in broad agreement with his reasoning, the court did not propose to do more than to indicate the essential grounds on which it had come to that view.

Part XXI of the Companies Act 1985, consisting of sections 665 to 674, provided for the winding up of unregistered companies. The meaning of "unregistered company" was defined by section 665.

Mr Morritt took the court through the statutory predecessors of that *definition*, starting with section 3 of the Joint Stock Companies Winding-up Act 1848, which defined the word "company" to mean "any partnership, association, or company, corporate or unincorporate, to which this Act applies". Between 1849 and 1929 successive Acts progressively introduced the exceptions which were now to be found in section 665, but the basic words "any partnership . . . any association . . . any company" were always there.

It never having been suggested that the ITC was a partnership or a company, the sole question was whether it, an international organization, was an "association" within section 665. Mr Morritt submitted that "association" was an ordinary word in the English language, with a plain and unambiguous meaning, which was apt to describe the ITC and to which effect had to be given accordingly.

Referring to observations made in the House of Lords in *Inland Revenue Commissioners v Collco Dealings Ltd* ([1962] AC 1), Mr *Justice Millett* convincingly disposed of that submission in these words ([1987] Ch 419, 450): ". . . it is one thing to give effect to plain and unambiguous language in a statute. It is quite another to insist that general words must invariably be given their fullest meaning and applied to every object which falls within their literal scope, regardless of the probable intentions of Parliament."

The court entirely agreed. Like most canons of statutory construction, it was only a matter of common sense.

The judge's approach was fully supported by a decision on that very legislation, namely *In re St James' Club* ((1852) 2 De G M & G 383) where Lord St Leonards, Lord Chancellor, sitting as the Court of Appeal in Chancery, held that a members' social club was not an association for the purposes of the 1848 Act as amended by 1849 Act.

Recognizing the force of that decision, Mr Barnes submitted that it went no further than to exclude from the application of section 665 associations which did not carry on business. He said that since the ITC had carried on business, moreover on a massive scale, it was not excluded.

In the court's opinion the Lord Chancellor's decision was of wider effect. He said that he would not say what associations were within the legislation. He only held that a members' social club was not on a ground which, if he would not state exhaustively what associations were included, could not have been intended to be the only ground on which they could be excluded.

That decision established that the word "association" in what was now section 665 did not include an association which Parliament could not reasonably have intended should be subject to the winding-up process. Looking at ITA6, it was obvious that it would have been against all reason for Parliament to have had such an intention in the case of the ITC.

In regard to the view that Parliament could not reasonably have intended that the ITC should be subject to the winding-up process the reasoning of Mr Justice Millett was unanswerable. He concluded his consideration of that question in words on which it was impossible to improve: see [1987] Ch 419, 452D-E.

Accordingly, the ITC was outside the winding-up jurisdiction of the court.

Turning to immunity under article 6(1) of the 1972 Order, the sole question was whether a petition presented by a petitioner with the benefit of an arbitration award in its favour and seeking the winding up of the ITC on the admitted ground that it was insolvent was a proceeding "in respect of the enforcement of an arbitration award".

That was a simple and straightforward question which the ingenuity of Mr Morritt's arguments had been unable to persuade the court was not covered by authority binding on it. *In re a Bankruptcy Notice* ([1907] 1 KB 479) and *In re a Company* ([1915] 1 Ch 520) were directly relevant.

There being no discernible distinction between the enforcement of an arbitration award and the enforcement of a judgment, the decision of the court in *In re a Company* although given in relation to another enactment, was directly in point and binding on the court in the present case.

It was so treated by Mr Justice Roxburgh in *In re Parker Davies and Hughes Ltd* ([1953] 1 WLR 1349), where he had to construe a legal aid certificate which had been granted, among other things, "to enforce any order or agreement made in connection with" the proceedings.

If Mr Morritt's arguments were correct, an arbitration creditor who presented a petition would, under the guise of enforcing his own award, equally cause the "enforcement" of the debts of all those creditors without awards, even though there was no exception from immunity in their favour. That, to say the least, would be a very curious state of affairs.

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Correction

In *Maclaine Watson & Co Ltd v DTI* (*The Times* April 28) a "not" was inadvertently omitted from the seventh complete paragraph in the fourth column of our report which should have commenced:

"The ITC could not be an English partnership, since it had more than 20 members who did not fall within the professional exceptions . . . permitted by section 716 of the Companies Act 1985."

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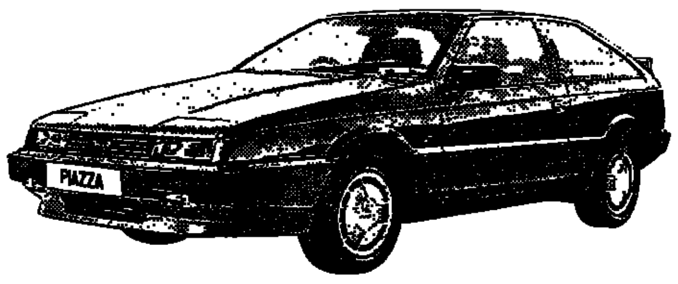

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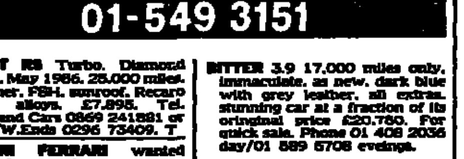

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Motoring by Clifford Webb

Toyota takes a lead-free gamble

Celica GT-Four: acceleration and road-holding are breathtaking

Toyota's Celica GT has been around for a couple of years. In that time it has been widely acclaimed as one of the best coupés in the world. Now it has been joined by a "big brother" — the Celica GT-Four — which sets a number of firsts in the British market.

At a time when turbo chargers are two a penny this is surprisingly the first Toyota petrol-engined car sold here with a turbo.

It is also the first on general sale with a catalytic converter which means it can use only unleaded petrol. With fewer than 600 garages selling unleaded in the whole of the UK, Toyota is taking quite a gamble — and so are those buying the GT-Four.

However, to ease their minds they will find a free five-litre fuel can in the boot, four-wheel drive, ABS anti-lock brakes and a watercooled turbo charger which boosts the power of the 16-valve, fuel-injected engine by 32 per cent to 182 BHP. Even more importantly, torque goes up by 42 per cent and the improvement is spread across the rev band.

Externally the GT-Four is little changed from the GT. It has wider tyres on alloy wheels, a deeper front air dam and side sills.

Acceleration and road holding are breathtaking. Four-wheel drive gives a car exceptional cornering ability. It has one frightening consequence, however: there is no warning when it is about to come "unstuck". As this happens only during high speed cornering the resulting accident is usually very serious. I can only report that despite repeated provocation, the GT-Four never lost traction and gave me great confidence at all times.

The power-assisted steering has a nice feel and although the suspension is stiffened to cope with all that power the ride is surprisingly comfortable. Rear passenger space is limited but still coped with three for a short journey.

At £20,495 it is a very tempting alternative to the two wheel drive, non-turbo Porsche 924.

Vital Statistics

Model: Toyota Celica GT-Four
Price: £20,495
Engine: 1998cc turbo
Performance: 0-60mph 7.7 seconds, maximum speed 138mph
Official consumption: Urban 24.7mpg, 56mph 39.6mpg and 75mph 31.9mpg
Length: 14.4ft
Insurance: 8/9

Classy launch for the opulent new Jaguar

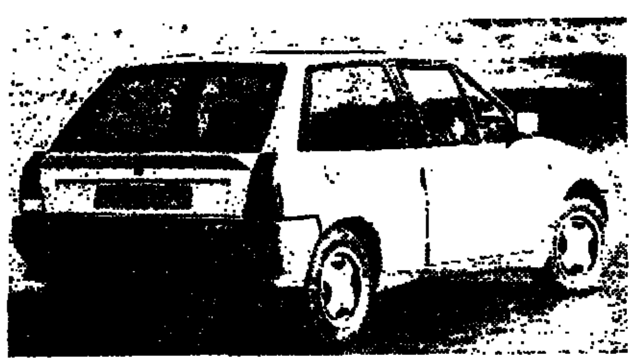
It would be difficult to find a more appropriate setting for the launch of Jaguar's new XJ-S Convertible than the millionaires' playground of the Côte d'Azur. It is a car for people who want to be envied and last week at Juan Les Pins I was one of them. By coincidence, my red sports shirt matched the colour of the car and topped by the the sports car driver's traditional "flat 'at" I was ready to pose with the best.

But this latest offering from Coventry is much more than a setting for a poseur. It is an immensely practical open sports car. The electrically-powered hood swings into place at the touch of a button and only requires two safety clips to be pressed home to lock it to the windscreen. With close fitting electric windows, including rear quarterlights, it makes the XJ-SC extremely quiet and weatherproof.

The fabulous Jaguar V12 5.3 litre engine accelerates from 0-60mph in 7.9 seconds and will top 150mph despite an all up weight approaching two tons. The body in fact weighs 220lbs more than the coupé from which it is derived because of the additional strengthening required for an open car plus the hood mechanism and quarterlight assemblies.

But this is not the type of car that cries out to be driven hard. On the contrary, its opulent comfort and abundant power lull you into a much more relaxed approach

This is open-air motoring without equal and at £36,000 —including Teves anti-lock brakes — the XJ-S is now the car it should have been but for unfounded fears about American safety standards.



Citroën AX GT: unexpected test of toughness

Surviving le crunch

Good news for owners of Citroën's new AX Supermini. Quite unintentionally I put doubts about its strength to the test and it came through with flying colours. The doubts arose because of the AX's exceptional lightness and use of some plastic body panels.

Driving the AX GT last week I stopped at a lights-controlled pedestrian crossing and a Ford Fiesta hit my rear at some speed. The Ford's offside headlamp was smashed and the bumper caved in. I had to look closely before I found a small scratch on the AX's moulded plastic rear bumper.

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Getting the designers into shape

Designers such as those in the fashion, art and furniture world were given tips at the weekend on how to avoid the high failure rate that is typical of their profession when they set up their own businesses, *writes Brian Collett*. The failure rate, which is more worrying because designers are 2½ times more likely to start their own businesses, was the reason for the course, held by the London Enterprise Agency (LEntA) and Kensington and Chelsea Borough Council. The organizers identified two particular weaknesses among designers. Yvonne Eskenzi, of LEntA, said: "The first problem is that designers are notoriously bad at selling themselves." The other weakness was that designers, possibly because of their artistic personalities, are baffled by accounting and economics.

The 47 course members were advised that their first moves in business could be to take a market stall, and to try to sell to galleries, and they were shown where to find financial guidance and how to apply themselves to the money side of their trading.

LEntA, which is supported by 70 large companies, each contributing £25,000 a year, also runs 10-week business courses for design graduates twice a year. It claims that 80 per cent of its course members are still in business after 2½ years.

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Flowers that never fade

Making flowers last for ever: Vivian Fitzpatrick, right, and Phil Jones have developed a new technique for drying and preserving plants from the countryside

By Veronica Heath

Walk into the old granary at Matfen Hall in Northumberland and you could be forgiven for thinking you were in an everlasting country garden. "Every one of our flowers and evergreens is dried and, therefore, indestructible and will last for years — possibly forever," says Vivian Fitzpatrick. The workshop is overflowing with topiary trees, decorative swags, floral arrangements and bridal bouquets.

Years of growing seeds in her own garden and greenhouse to raise flowers for drying and for experimental flower arranging, persuaded Viv and her friend, Phil Jones, that there must be a market for such an attractive product.

To find out, Viv went to Laura Ashley's head office in London, the firm which epitomises the English Country look. "The response was fantastic. They put me on to the specialist magazines *Wedding And Home* and *Brides* and they loved our stuff." Within 48 hours the business, by now named Four Seasons Designs, had been commissioned to do bouquets, circlets and comb swags for *Wedding Collection '88* which previewed all the New Year bridal fashions.

"That was really our breakthrough" said Phil, deftly slipping what looked like dead sweet peas and wilting grasses into a stunning arrangements. "It led to orders from clients as far away as Scotland, London, Devon and Wales."

The partners have developed a technique for preserving ivy and the asparagus fern from its tendency to turn brown, and the workshop is stacked high with a range of flowers, ferns, grasses, cones, unusual weeds and even branches, all preserved in perfect condition.

When the Four Seasons partners graduated from working in the dining-room of Viv's home, they received a grant from the Department of Trade and Industry. This is a regional development grant awarded to businesses employing two people full-time. It enabled them to move into the old granary, one of the workshop units being created at Matfen Hall. They already employ one outworker and are looking for more. "We shall certainly need to train apprentices and to get local help to grow suitable produce and to collect in the countryside for us," says Viv.

Phil who had been on the dole, qualified for the Enterprise Allowance scheme for a year, which involved attending a seminar before applying, six months' probation and free counselling. The £40-a-week she received enabled her to survive until the business took off.

"We make a complementary team," said Viv. "I have the business flair and do the marketing and Phil has this gift for transforming dried foliage and flowers into a beautiful end product.

"We worked for a year without any return at all, but we were prepared to take the risk. It has been proved that our product is good and quite different from others in this highly selective market."

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BRIEFING

■ Small businesses should increase their involvement with schools, the director-general of the CBI, John Banham, said as he launched the latest booklet for small businesses from Industry Matters, the organization set up by the Royal Society of Arts following Industry Year 1986.

The free booklet, *Your Business and Education*, aims to help teachers in their approach to local companies. It explains how small companies can benefit from closer links with schools and shows how many businesses have benefitted from such links. Mr Banham said: *"Small firms have much to give and gain through work with schools."*

● The booklet, funded by BP, Esso, British Telcom, the Department of Education and Science and the Manpower Services Commission, is available from Industry Matters, the RSA, John Adam Street, London WC2N 6EZ (01-930 9129)

London is world No 2 for office rents

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

Tokyo is the most expensive place in the world for office space, according to the latest international property bulletin from Hillier Parker. Prime rents are the equivalent of £88 a sq ft, compared with £55 in London, which takes second place in order of expense, and £36 in Geneva.

The bulletin gives detailed coverage of the commercial property markets and economic trends in 10 European countries, the United States and Australia, and for the first time Hong Kong, Japan and Singapore. Prime rents in Hong Kong are the equivalent of £31 a sq ft, in Paris £28, and New York £24.

Office rents in the cities covered increased by an average of 67 per cent over the past five years, with the highest rate of growth in Madrid where rents increase by more than 2½ times. Office rents in Geneva and Sydney doubled over the period, and the only market in which rents fell during the period was New York, with a three per cent decline.

In the retail market, Hong Kong is achieving rents of £397,000 a year for a shop units in a prime position, compared with £275,000 in London, £245,000 in Zurich and £229,000 in New York.

Several markets achieved very high rates of return in 1987 as a result of steeply rising rents and/or falling yields. The top office market was Geneva, which achieved an 89 per cent rate of return. In the retail market, Stockholm shops returned a comparable rate, while industrial space in Lisbon has the tax return on investment of nearly 60 per cent.

Supply constraints, particularly in Zurich, have given the two leading Swiss cities the highest yearly rents for industrial space — Geneva at £9.50 a sq ft, Zurich £7.20. London has the third highest rate at £6, followed by Hong Kong at £5.70.

■ Electricity Supply Nominees Ltd is to sell Southside, its landmark freehold building in Victoria Street, London SW1. Southside contains about 145,000 sq ft of offices on 10 floors, as well as the House of Fraser's 160,000 sq ft Army & Navy department store on four floors.

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CRICKET: RICHARDS LEADS A WEST INDIES SIDE THAT CONTAINS SEVERAL UNPROVEN PLAYERS BUT WHICH WILL BE FAVOURED TO WIN TEST SERIES

Touring party will lack that familiar air of invincibility

From Richard Streeton, Bridgetown, Barbados

The West Indies touring side that arrives in London on Sunday is by no means as invincible as the teams that beat England 5-0 in 1984 and again in 1985-86 in the Caribbean. The resilience it showed, though, in levelling the series with Pakistan here on Wednesday, entitles it to start as favourite for the Test match rubber which starts at Nottingham on June 2.

Since their last triumph against England, West Indies have shared four successive Test series — against Pakistan home and away and in New Zealand and in India. Their crown as unofficial world champions may have slipped a little but they remain on the throne and are still difficult to beat.

It was unfortunate that Pakistan's hectic, short visit did not allow a five-match series. For the two strongest sides in the world to be restricted to an abbreviated programme was frustrating. Some magnificent cricket was played and the second and third Tests, in particular, were among the most thrilling which have taken place anywhere in recent years.

Pakistan's victory at Georgetown, after they had been beaten 5-0 in the one-day games, whetted the appetite and hinted that something special might be in the wind. The return of Richards and Marshall made all the difference in Port of Spain, where West Indies narrowly failed to win. Finally, West Indies won a fluctuating match here by two wickets to retain their record of not having lost a home series for 15 years.

In terms of Test match caps West Indies now have more newcomers in the ranks than for many years. The outcome in England depends on how these inexperienced players settle in English conditions. Several of the new faces, of course, have played county cricket or have been in the leagues, but they are raw compared with their recent predecessors.

Once again four fast bowlers will form the basis of the Test attack. Marshall remains the main threat to England but Ambrose, with his bounce and swing, should excel on English pitches. Walsh has looked tired recently but both Benjamin and Patterson have made great strides since they were last seen with Leicestershire and Lancashire.

Greenidge and Haynes may have had a lean time against Pakistan but they have always done well in England and there is no reason to think they are over the hill. The team should not be short of runs and Richards says he is looking forward to completing his hundredth hundred in England. He has 97 and, given his sense of theatre, would probably enjoy reaching the milestone in a Test, thereby emulating Boycott and Zaheer Abbas.

Pakistan regularly made early in-roads into the West Indies batting but someone invariably scored runs; Dujon rediscovered his batting form and more runs came from the tailenders than expected. Hooper's promotion to No. 4 will help his development and he is undoubtedly the coming man in the West Indies batting hierarchy and should do well in England.

For Imran Khan, the Pakistan tour was a sustained triumph as captain and opening bowler, though his batting fell away. Abdul Qadir was not consistent but always troubled the West Indies batsmen. Wasim Akram was only properly fit for the third Test and showed then what a difference he would have made had he been at his best throughout. The loss of the off spinner, Tauseef Ahmed, early on was another blow to the Pakistan attack.

Javed Miandad's centuries in the first two Tests were both masterly innings but several other Pakistan batsmen tended to get themselves out when seeming well-set.

Pakistan continue to follow the West Indies in the unofficial world rankings but it will be revealing to see how they fare without Imran at home against Australia in September.

Test details

PAKISTAN: First innings 309 (Ramiz Raja 54, Shoaib Mohammed 54; M D Marshall 4 for 79).

Second innings 262 (Shoaib Mohammed 64; M D Marshall 5 for 65).

WEST INDIES: First innings 306 (I V A Richards 67, C L Hooper 54).

Second innings

C G Greenidge c Shoaib b Jaffer 35
D L Haynes c Salim Malik b Akram 4
R B Richardson st Aamer Malik b Qadir 64
C L Hooper run out 13
*I V A Richards b Akram 39
A L Logie b Qadir 3
E L C Ambrose c Jaffer b Akram 1
†P J L Dujon not out 29
M D Marshall lbw b Akram 15
W K M Benjamin not out 41
Extras (b 9, lb 6, nb 10) 25
Total (8 wkts) 268

C A Walsh *did not bat.*

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-78, 3-118, 4-128, 5-150, 6-159, 7-180, 8-207.

BOWLING: Akram 31-7-73-4; Imran 8-0-34-0; Qadir 32-5-115-2; Jaffer 5-0-25-1; Shoaib 3-1-6-0.

Umpires: D M Archer and L H Barker.

FIRST TEST (Georgetown, Guyana, April 2-7): West Indies 292 (A L Logie 80, R B Richardson 75; Imran Khan 7 for 80) and 172 (Imran Khan 4 for 41). Pakistan 435 (Javed Miandad 114, Saleem Yousuf 62) and 32 for 1. Pakistan won by nine wickets.

SECOND TEST (Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, April 14-19): West Indies 174 (Imran Khan 4 for 38, Abdul Qadir 4 for 83) and 391 (I V A Richards 123, P J L Dujon 106 not out; Imran Khan 5 for 115, Abdul Qadir 4 for 148). Pakistan 194 (Salim Malik 66; M D Marshall 4 for 55) and 341 for 9 (Javed Miandad 102). Match drawn.

Captain gives thanks

Bridgetown (Reuter) — The West Indies captain, Viv Richards, shed some tears after his side's win by two wickets in the third Test match against Pakistan on Wednesday. He said he was so tense he could not bear to watch the last overs.

"It was a magnificent effort. I would just like to give thanks to the team and for the support," Richards said.

In particular he praised Malcolm Marshall and Winston Benjamin, whose ninth-wicket stand carried West Indies to victory.

WEST INDIES AND PAKISTAN TEST AVERAGES

West Indies — Batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	100	50	Avge	Ct/St
I V A Richards	2	4	0	278	123	1	1	69.50	6
P J L Dujon	3	6	2	184	106*	1	—	46.00	5/1
R B Richardson	3	6	0	240	15	—	2	40.00	2
C L Hooper	3	6	0	156	54	—	1	26.00	2
M D Marshall	2	[illegible]	1	75	48*	—	—	25.00	—
C G Greenidge	3	6	0	135	43	—	—	22.50	6
A L Logie	3	6	0	126	80	—	1	21.00	5
W K M Benjamin	3	6	1	90	41*	—	—	18.00	1
P V Simmons	1	2	0	27	16	—	—	13.50	1
C A Walsh	3	5	1	52	14*	—	—	13.00	1
D L Haynes	3	6	0	75	48	—	—	12.50	3
E L C Ambrose	3	6	2	47	26*	—	—	11.75	—
B P Patterson	1	2	0	10	10	—	—	5.00	—

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	BB	5I	10m	Avge
I V A Richards	17	4	44	3	2-17	—	—	14.66
M D Marshall	91.4	14	284	15	5-65	1	—	18.93
W K M Benjamin	100	16	293	12	3-32	—	—	24.41
B P Patterson	26	2	101	4	3-82	—	—	25.25
C A Walsh	66	15	230	5	3-80	—	—	46.00
E L C Ambrose	108.2	18	365	7	2-64	—	—	52.14
C L Hooper	47.1	5	164	3	1-35	—	—	54.66

Pakistan — Batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	100	50	Avge	Ct/St
Javed Miandad	3	5	0	282	114	2	—	56.40	4
Saleem Yousuf	3	5	1	196	62	—	1	49.00	7/1
Shoaib Mohammed	3	6	1	189	64	—	2	37.80	2
Salim Malik	3	5	0	147	66	—	1	29.40	3
Ijaz Ahmed	2	3	0	77	43	—	—	25.66	3
Ramiz Raja	3	6	1	126	54	—	1	25.20	—
Imran Khan	3	5	1	90	43*	—	—	22.50	1
Mudassar Nazar	3	6	0	115	41	—	—	19.16	1
Abdul Qadir	3	5	2	55	19	—	—	18.33	1
Aamer Malik	1	2	0	34	32	—	—	17.00	3/1
Wasim Akram	3	5	1	49	38	—	—	12.25	1
Ijaz Faqih	2	3	1	15	10*	—	—	7.50	—
Saleem Jaffer	1	2	1	5	4	—	—	5.00	1

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	BB	5I	10m	Avge
Shoaib Mohammad	8	1	22	2	2-8	—	—	11.00
Mudassar Nazar	16	6	36	2	2-24	—	—	18.00
Imran Khan	129.5	16	416	23	7-80	2	1	18.08
Wasim Akram	117	22	319	11	4-73	—	—	29.00
Abdul Qadir	162.3	21	538	14	4-83	—	—	38.42
Saleem Jaffer	12	1	60	1	1-25	—	—	60.00
Ijaz Faqih	36	4	133	2	1-38	—	—	66.50
Salim Malik	1	0	6	0	—	—	—	—

70 not out: Denis Compton plays a straight bat as Keith Miller waits at slip at Lord's yesterday (Photograph: Bill Warhurst)

Compton's innings of a lifetime celebrated

By Tony Winlaw

The film *Denis Compton — 70 not out* holds great interest throughout its 45 minutes, with old photographs and newsreels backed by reminiscences at Lord's from the septuagenarian and Keith Miller, his old friend and rival.

There are, of course, pictures of Bill Edrich, and of Don Bradman batting in his last Test innings, at the Oval in 1948: Norman Yardley, the England captain, gave Bradman three cheers, and then came the two deliveries from Eric Hollies, with Bradman bowled as he *pushed forward to the second.*

Brandy gets a good plug in the film, since Compton was advised to take some when hit on the head at Old Trafford in 1948, before returning to complete his great Test innings of 145 not out.

Then, in the first half of the 1950 FA Cup Final, Compton had a terrible time for Arsenal against Liverpool, before Alex James recommended another good glass, and everything went perfectly for player and team.

Of all the delights of Lord's, Compton's everlasting memory of headquarters is the Eton v Harrow match when he was selling scorecards. "There were the top hats and tails, hansom cabs, champagne by the case and caviar by the pound — not the ounce like I sample on my birthdays!"

● *Denis Compton — 70 not out* will be shown on ITV on Wednesday at 10.40 p.m.

The intoxicating talent of Sobers

Who was the greatest all-round cricketer of them all? Here, in his foreword to Sir Gary Sobers's autobiography*, SIR DONALD BRADMAN assesses the claims of six contenders. Hammond, Miller, Davidson, Benaud and Botham are all "dismissed" as Sir Donald finds that none can match Sir Gary's virtuosity

Back in 1930-31 I played against the first West Indian cricket team to tour Australia. Among the visitors was Learie Constantine, *one of the most* dynamic players in the game's history. When his playing days were over he became renowned in the world of politics and before his death had become Lord Constantine.

He and I developed a close *friendship* and when he made a trip to Australia as a member of a parliamentary delegation we exchanged at length our views on matters in the cricket world.

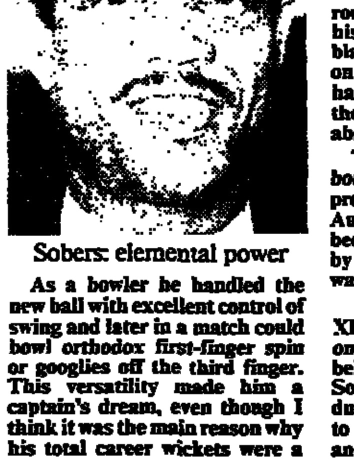
I remember quite vividly his reference to a young West Indian named Gary Sobers who had just started to blossom in his home country. "Don't miss this boy," Constantine said. "He is marvellous and the hardest hitter of a ball I have ever seen."

As Constantine himself was a ferocious hitter and not given to exaggerated statements, I followed his advice and watched out for the advent of Sobers on Australian soil. I was not disappointed. It was obvious at once that here was a boy with excellent talent.

In my recent public appraisal *of all-round cricketers* I unhesitatingly rated Sobers as the greatest all-rounder I ever saw. The opposition for such an accolade was awesome. There were many contenders for the title, men like Hammond, Botham, Miller, Benaud and Davidson.

I did not consider Grace, Rhodes, Woolley and others of their period because I did not have the chance to evaluate their skills. Obviously, they were magnificent but in every sport where there is a meaningful yardstick for comparison the *modern athlete is way ahead of* the champion of yesteryear. So I feel on safe ground in broadly thinking the same has happened in cricket.

I am not going to rely on figures (impressive though they are) to support my case but am *backing my judgement through* visual observations. The first thing about Sobers was his beautiful athletic build. Around six feet tall, he possessed a trim, lithe body and moved with a deceptive feline grace which is often characteristic of West Indians. Circumstances usually dictated that he should field close to the wicket but he was superb in any position.



Sobers: elemental power

As a bowler he handled the new ball with excellent control of swing and later in a match could bowl orthodox first-finger spin or googlies off the third finger. This versatility made him a captain's dream, even though I think it was the main reason why his total career wickets were a little more costly than those of some of his contemporaries. It is extraordinarily difficult to bowl every variety with pin-point accuracy.

But it was in batting that his genius shone the brightest. I *shared Constantine's view of his* power and nothing will ever erase from my memory two shots I saw him play.

One was at the Adelaide Oval. The bowler was Alan Davidson, a left-hander of not inconsiderable pace. Davidson bowled a bumper at Sobers. The ball rose roughly shoulder high and, off his back foot, with a horizontal blade, Sobers hit him over mid-on for six, the ball landing halfway up the hill just under the scoreboard. It was unbelievable power.

The second was on the Melbourne *Cricket Ground.* The proposed 1971-72 tour of Australia by South Africa had been cancelled and was replaced by a World XI, of whom Sobers was made captain.

In the third Australia-World XI match, after the latter were *one down in the series and 101* behind on their first innings, Sobers, after having made a duck in his first innings, strode to the wicket to confront Lillee and his supporters, facing apparent defeat.

From the first ball Sobers commenced an unrelenting attack on the bowling. I was sitting almost directly behind Lillee as he delivered one of his thunderbolts. Sobers unleashed the most *wonderful straight drive which* hit the sightscreen almost before the bowler's forward momentum had finished. I rose from my chair to join in the spontaneous applause.

Sobers finished with 254, an innings so marvellous that it was later to be the subject of a special film, for which I was proud to do the commentary. It was the best innings I have seen on Australian soil and I believe the best ever played in my country.

Without doubt Sobers played fast bowling better than any batsman from any country. *Whether it was in* defence, attack or evasion, his positioning was always perfect and quite relaxed, a tribute to eyesight, coordination and judgement.

As an overseas player Sobers was brought to Adelaide to play Sheffield Shield cricket for South Australia and in that regard I had much to do with him as a player and an individual. He was always charming, approachable and modest and it is my pleasure to pay tribute to a man who, as the greatest all-rounder ever, gave me much enjoyment.

It was fitting that the Queen should confer a knighthood on this sporting genius. The story of his life and his rise from humble beginnings to world status is fascinating and inspirational to cricket lovers everywhere.

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COMPARISON OF ALL-ROUNDERS IN TEST CRICKET

Batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	100	50	Avge	Ct
G St A Sobers	93	160	21	8,032	365*	26	30	57.78	109
W R Hammond	85	140	16	7,249	336*	22	24	58.45	110
K R Miller	55	87	7	2,958	147	7	13	36.97	38
A K Davidson	44	61	7	1,328	80	—	5	24.59	42
R Benaud	63	97	7	2,201	122	3	9	24.45	65
I T Botham	94	150	5	5,057	208	14	22	34.87	109

Bowling

	Balls	Runs	W	BB	5I	10m	Avge
G St A Sobers	21,599	7,999	235	6-73	6	—	34.03
W R Hammond	7,969	3,138	83	5-36	2	—	37.80
K R Miller	10,461	3,906	170	7-60	7	1	22.97
A K Davidson	11,587	3,819	186	7-93	14	2	20.53
R Benaud	19,108	6,704	248	7-72	16	1	27.03
I T Botham	20,801	10,392	373	8-34	27	4	27.86

* denotes not out.

FISHING

Time's fly returns to fashion

By Conrad Voss Bark

The importance of the March Brown in fly fishing for lake trout was established more than 80 years ago at the then newly open Blagdon Lake. In a day's fishing at Blagdon in 1905, two fishermen, White and Hardy Corfe, between them took 20 trout which had an average weight of just 4lb 7oz. They were all taken on the March Brown.

But the popularity of flies *fluctuates up and down* as frequently as women's hemlines. The March Brown has recently been out of fashion, perhaps because of the popularity of imitation bait patterns. Indeed, one of the latest textbooks on reservoir fishing does not mention it at all. But the fact is that the March Brown *is* as good today as in those record-breaking days at Blagdon when it was top scorer.

The Silver March Brown is even better, partly because the silver body of the fly is masked by shadows of the swept-back partridge hackle, giving the illusion of life and movement. I did exceptionally well with a Silver March Brown on a private lake and on a Devon reservoir last season.

Fished as a dry fly in the spring from March up to May, it can be deadly on those rivers which have a good hatch of the natural insect. Goddard is very sound on this when he says: "Hatches usually take place during the middle of the day in quite short yet prolific bursts. One minute, not a fly can be seen on the water, the next minute, the surface is literally covered with them".

The Usk in South Wales, which Goddard describes as "a large brawling river" has some wonderful hatches of the fly and only last week I heard from Jean Williams, of Usk town, that the hatch in the past few weeks of the March Brown has been much better than for a number of years. The Usk has also had prolific hatches of spring olives as well so "everyone is happy".

The original pattern of the March Brown dates back to medieval times. It was first described in the angling *Treatyse of 1496* which said that the body should be of "donne wull" with "the wyngis of the pertryche".

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Barnet best championship bet in nerve-jangling finish

By Paul Newman

After another seven days of rapidly changing tunes in what has become a nerve-jangling finish to the race for the GM Vauxhall Conference championship, Barnet will go into the final week of the season tomorrow as favourites for the title and promotion to the fourth division.

Barry Fry's team is one and two points clear of Lincoln City and Kettering Town respectively and as all three have only two games left, Barnet at last *have their fate in their own* hands. Barnet, who have easily the best goal difference, play at home to Runcorn tomorrow and away to Welling United on Monday; Lincoln entertain Stafford Rangers tomorrow and Wycombe Wanderers on Monday; and Kettering travel to Enfield tomorrow and Runcorn next Wednesday.

What had been a two-horse race for much of the season changed last Saturday, when Barnet drew away to Kidderminster Harriers and Kettering beat Lincoln. The results continued an extraordinary trend: since mid-February Barnet had dropped 23 points, Lincoln, 21, and Kettering, only six. However, when Kettering had the chance to go top on Tuesday, they lost 3-0 at home to Runcorn. The following day Lincoln spurned a similar *opportunity* when they could only draw 1-1 at home to Maidstone United.

Fry said yesterday: "If we've had a bit of luck in the last week or so it's no more than we deserve. We've had more injuries this year than I've had in 12 years as a manager. We've had four broken legs in the last 12 months and in the last two months we've lost a player again.

"But I've always felt that we've been in the best position, because we have had the points in the bag rather than the games in hand. The situation was in reverse last season and we blew our chance.

"I was pleased with our performance at Kidderminster and we're now back in the driving seat. I've watched both Runcorn and Welling in the last week and I know that we have the pace and skill to create more scoring chances than both of them. If we can take our opportunities we will win the title."

However, Colin Murphy, Lincoln's manager, believes the championship race may still have some surprises in store. "The season is over 42 games and we're not finished yet," he *said yesterday.* "Teams at the top nearly always drop a lot of points in the run-in. We could still have every chance."

Kettering's ground was inspected last week and will be acceptable to the Football League with minor improvements. Lincoln have no such problems, but a further inspection of Barnet's ground this week confirmed that some £100,000 would have to be spent on improved perimeter fencing and segregation. None of the clubs expects any difficulties meeting the League's financial requirements.

At the other end of the Conference table, Bath City, Wealdstone and Dagenham are all relegated. Their replacements are likely to be Yeovil Town, Aylesbury United and Chorley.

Wokingham Town had to win at home to Tooting and Mitcham last night to keep alive any chance of denying Yeovil the Vauxhall-Opel League championship and Aylesbury need only three points from their last three matches to make certain of the Beazer Homes League title.

In the Northern Premier League the top two each have two games left. Chorley, who play at home to Bangor City tomorrow and travel to Matlock Town on Monday, are three points ahead of Hyde United, who go to Workington tomorrow and entertain Frickley Athletic on Monday.

● Barnet *entertain Tottenham* Hotspur next Friday in a Testimonial for Kevin Millett, their long-serving defender.

Top of the table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barnet	40	22	11	7	90	43	77
Lincoln	40	22	10	8	82	47	76
Kettering	40	22	9	9	68	45	75

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

Barclays League
Third division
Southend v York (7.45)

Fourth division
Cambridge v Bolton (7.45)
Colchester v Stockport
Crewe v Halifax

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa v Blackpool (7.0).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Caernarfon v Southport; Horwich v Buxton.

FA YOUTH CUP: Final, first leg: Doncaster v Arsenal.

CRICKET

Britannic County Championship
(Four days)
11.0, 110 overs minimum
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Somerset.
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Sussex.
CANTERBURY: Kent v Hampshire.
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Warwickshire.
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire.
LORD'S: Middlesex v Essex.
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire.
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Derbyshire.

Other match
11.30 to 6.30
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Surrey.

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Bristol Imperial: Somerset v Glamorgan; Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Lancashire.

RUGBY UNION
Redruth v Ebbw Vale.

OTHER SPORT
BOWLS: WIBC women's tournament (at Llanelli, 11.0).
CYCLING: Tour of Lancashire.
GOLF: WPGA Ford classic (at Woburn); Dunbar professional championship (at Dunbar).
MOTOR SPORT: Fram Welsh rally (Cardiff).
SNOOKER: Embassy world professional championships (at Sheffield).
SQUASH RACKETS: South of England championships (at Dunnings Mill).
WEIGHTLIFTING: European championships (at National Sports Centre, Cardiff).

SPORT ON TV

BASEBALL 1988: ITV 4 a.m. (tomorrow): St Louis Cardinals v New York Mets.
RACING: C4 2.30 p.m.: 2.55, 3.05, 3.40 (General Accident Jockey Club Stakes) and 4.10 races from Newmarket.
SNOOKER: BBC1 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 1.50-2.15 p.m. BBC2: 2.20-5.20, 6-6.50, 9-9.30 and 11.45 p.m.-1.05 a.m.: Embassy world professional championship: Coverage of the semi-final round from Sheffield.

CYCLING

Milk Race selection is at stake

By Peter Bryan

Britain's professionals will be aiming to be among the first 10 finishers during the Lancashire Enterprises five-stage tour which starts tonight at Burscough. The 300-mile Am-Pro race will decide which two home professional teams qualify for next month's Milk Race, giving the event extra spice.

Four earlier qualifying races have made it a three-way contest between PMS-Dawes, Percy Bilton and Raleigh squads, all well clear of the opposition on points.

Raleigh, not selected for the Milk Race last year, have a *difficult task, trailing in third* position having missed one nominated event when racing abroad.

But Paul Sherwen, the manager and former Tour de France rider, believes that his men have a 60-40 chance of success. "Don't write us off by any means," he said. "We have riders like Dave Mann and Phil Thomas who should be picking up points regularly during the race."

Tonight's opener is a four-mile time trial from Burscough which ends at the summit of Parbold Hill, an ascent with a maximum gradient of 1:7.

PMS-Dawes could have believed until a few days ago that Darryl Webster, as national hillclimb champion, would have scored a *maximum* of 10 points but the Walsall rider will not be racing for another five weeks following an operation for an abscess. His absence should allow Chris Lillywhite, the best climber in the 1987 Nissan Classic in Ireland, to give Raleigh their first points.

Tomorrow's 90-mile stage ends at Skelmersdale; on Sunday there are two events, the first of which finishes at Morecambe and the second at Fleetwood, and the final stage from Preston to Blackpool a distance of 107 miles, takes in Parbold, Chorley, Blackburn, Burnley and Broughton.

SCHOOLS SPORTS

Eagles unbeaten on French tour

Rugby Union by Michael Stevenson

The Eagles began as a prep school side in 1969, but now take both an under-13 and under-15 team on tour. They have just returned from their nineteenth trip, the last 15 of which have been to France, and for the third year running both teams won all four matches: against Trignac, La Rochelle, a Selection XV and Rochefort and Surges combined. Thirty-seven boys toured, the largest group in the under-13 squad coming from Holmewood House, Tunbridge Wells.

Bethany School rounded off a successful season with a tour to Portugal, where they won all three games: against San Miguel, 32-0, IS Agronomia, 22-6, and University Livre, 18-4. They ended the season with 16 wins from 24 games, scoring 363 points to 219 conceded.

The final of the Manchester cup was between **Bramhall HS**, a state comprehensive, and **Widnes VIth Form College**, Bramhall winning 20-6. Bramhall have enjoyed their best season for many years, *winning 16 and drawing two of* their 22 matches. Their most pleasing victory was against **Cheadle Hulme**, 17-6, just after Cheadle had knocked **Stockport GS**, the favourites, out of the Manchester cup. The hardest match of the season was their 6-3 defeat of **Oughtrington HS**, the holders, in the first round of the cup.

As a keen football school, like their larger neighbours, **Shrewsbury** and **Malvern**, **Oswestry** play rugby only in the Easter term; but they have had an excellent season, scoring 339 points *and winning 10 of their* 12 games. They also won the Shropshire under-19 sevens. Evans, at centre, and their captain and scrum-half, Davies, have been outstanding.

Latymer Upper lost five of 22 games played and won the Middlesex under-18 schools knockout, beating **London Oratory**, 7-6, in the final, though they had lost 0-6 to them earlier in the season.

Tiffin have also had a successful winter. They won 16 and lost three matches at first XV level, their results throughout suggest*ing considerable strength in* depth.

Headley's tour form is a tasty sample

Cricket by George Chesterton

RGS Worcester have just returned from an Easter tour to Zimbabwe in which they gained valuable experience. Headley took 11 wickets in the last two matches, suggesting a taste of things to come.

Rugby made a promising start in their drawn game with the Free Foresters on Saturday; they have seven old colours back but are looking for spinners. **King's School**, who have only one old colour left, include new fixtures against Wycliffe and St John's, **Leatherhead**. Wileman, the captain at **Malvern**, has already made his mark, making 106 not out in the first match, and with Usher will provide their main strength.

Uppingham are led by Rawson, a wicketkeeper-batsman, and Spencer, bowling left arm over the wicket, will hope *to improve on his 48 victims of* last season. **Oundle** have a good medium pace attack but will be looking for spinners and a wicketkeeper. At **Oakham** the strength will be in their bowling, two left arm openers will be supported by a good off-spinner and two medium pacers.

Shrewsbury also have a useful bowling side but may find runs hard to come by. **Repton**, who are led by Wall, in his fourth year, are short of bowling, but should score well. **Wrekin** will be rebuilding.

At **Rydal**, Yeoman is capable *of bowling with real hostility* and, with Moore, the captain, forms the basis of a useful attack. **Wellingborough**, having lost only two players from last year, face the season with optimism. At **Worksop** much interest will be focused on Kettleborough, who last year won *the trophy for the most* promising under-15 cricketer.

BOWLS

An event of great potential

By Gordon Allan

A tournament which, it is hoped, will serve as a prototype for an official women's world indoor singles championship starts at Llanelli today, nine years after the introduction of the corresponding men's championship at Coatbridge.

Ten players — the winners and runners-up in the championships of the four home countries, plus two qualifiers from Guernsey — will be competing for a first prize of £350.

The event, which as yet has no sponsor, is organized by the women's section of the World Indoor Bowls Council, who are keen to see it develop as the men's event has done. Eventually, it may be possible to play the championship on the portable rink, which was used by the men at Alexandra Palace

Australia has expressed interest in taking part in future tournaments and there had been tentative enquiries from other sources.

The players are divided into two groups with the top two in each qualifying for the semi-finals on Sunday. Group matches are over the best of three sets (seven shots up): the semi-finals and final are best of five. In the opening match Norma Shaw plays Margaret Johnston, whom she beat in the British final on the same green last month.

ORDER OF PLAY: Today: N Shaw (Eng) v M Johnston (Ire); C Morgan (Wales) v K Dodd (Guernsey); E Bessell (Eng) v F Elliott (Ire); J Davies (Wales) v A Simon (Guernsey); J Galbreath (Scot) v Morgan; Johnston v Dodd; E Wren (Scot) v Davies; Elliott v Simon.

HANG GLIDING

Leden chasing British title

Judy Leden, the world and European champion, is hoping to add the British title to her tally over the next four days in the Yorkshire dales (a Special Correspondent writes). Leden, aged 28, has never won the event, despite glittering results in competitions against men.

Next Thursday she will receive the Royal Aero Club's silver award in recognition of an outstanding career

RUGBY UNION

Chairman hopes to return to his old haunts in triumph

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Next Friday John Currie will head west to old stamping grounds to attend Bristol's centenary dinner. He will hope, though, to have twisted his hosts' nose by watching Harlequins – the club where he is in his last season as chairman – beat Bristol in the John Player Special Cup final at Twickenham tomorrow.

Currie, whose second-row partnership with David Marques has passed into English rugby legend, was a Harlequin before he was a Bristol player, even though he comes from Bristol, went to Bristol Grammar School and played for Clifton before going to Oxford University. It was Marques, his England partner, who suggested he play for Harlequins, which he did before his job took him to Newcastle, where he had the first of two playing spells for Northern.

In between, however, Bristol had the benefit of his services for three years and he retains an affectionate interest in the club's affairs. After his playing career he was in Glasgow for five years, associated with West of Scotland, and on his return to London in the mid-Seventies, he served as an England selector. He became chairman of the Harlequins in 1980.

"I asked for five years to get the playing side of the club right," he said. "The first thing I said was that the club depends on the playing side; that we were going to have leagues sooner or later (it was the time of the Burgess Report) and if we weren't careful we would end up in the third division.

"We set up a proper playing structure; it had been very airy-fairy before, no organization for looking after the junior teams, no recruiting effort at all, the atmosphere on the playing side was poor, discipline was poor, and we had one or two prima donnas who used to turn up late for matches.

"We had to turn that round and the players started to realize what we were doing and that they could benefit from it. And players are the key asset when it comes to attracting other players, because they are the ones who talk to them, tell them what's going on at their own club and how much they are enjoying it.

"The discipline improved in Dick Best's first year as captain and it's the same now he's the coach. He's a hard man but he understands players, the problems they have at work, with wives and girlfriends because the game takes up so much of their time."

Best, at 35, is young to be coach of a leading club, though only a few months younger than Bob Hesford, his opposite number at Bristol. Best might claim that Bristol had a formative influence upon him as a player since he propped against the gnarled Mike Fry in his second senior game for Harlequins and concluded afterwards that he might do better elsewhere in the forwards; Harlequins lost then, as they have done to Bristol in their last 18 games.

Best's more recognized home was the back row but it is his thorough knowledge of all positions in the scrum which has helped develop a formidable Harlequins pack – the area which Currie identifies as that of greatest improvement. Best has been able to leave the backs in the hands of Neil Pidduck, his assistant whose quiet but thorough approach complements Best's more extrovert outlook.

"Before, everybody thought they were good players whereas we were nowhere near as prepared and organized as we are now," Best said. "We had a smattering of good players but other clubs were more advanced and knew our weaknesses. We are more aware now, of what we are doing and on a par with sides that used to beat us. We are fitter, we have developed as an all-round side.

"Having said that it was a big psychological step for us to beat Wasps in the semi-final and there is a quiet confidence among the players about tomorrow's game. The main thing for me is to get everyone in a reasonable state tomorrow morning, so that they don't feel inhibited about playing the same game we have played all along."

This is Best's second year as coach; Hesford, who came into the role somewhat earlier than he anticipated, is completing his first full season with Bristol, bringing with him all the ebullience which marked him as a No. 8 who won 10 England caps.

Whichever side wins tomorrow, both men are in the new wave of coaches who can be expected to advance to national level within the next five years; it will, for instance, be instructive to see who prepares England's first under-21 XV against Romania in a year's time.

Salmon caught in net of uncertainty

By Peter Bills

Jamie Salmon, the Harlequins centre, must be the classic example of inconsistent selection by England. Last season he was the only player to appear in every international they played, beginning with the match against Japan in October and ending – incidentally, in fiasco – against Wales in the World Cup quarter-final.

This season, Salmon did not so much as get a place in the England trial, still less earn further caps. The factor that hurts him most is that he was denied even the opportunity to defend his position. But, adopting the Abraham Lincoln philosophy regarding disappointment – "I feel like the boy who stubbed his toe; I am too big to cry and too badly hurt to laugh" – Salmon has preferred to prove the selectors wrong quality play on the field.

At Twickenham tomorrow he receives another opportunity to demonstrate his quality, as Harlequins meet Bristol in the John Player Cup final. It has been in no small measure due to Salmon's outstanding contributions that Harlequins have progressed to the final. In the quarter-final against Waterloo, his rich vein of form produced 23 points: two tries, three penalty goals, and three conversions.

Remarkably, Salmon charts his downfall to the decision he made last summer to build slowly – professionally, if you like, in the New Zealand style of which he knows so much – for the new season. He would start late, aim for a peak around the New Year at the divisional championship and then the five nations', and retain fitness and form through to May when England leave for their Australian tour.

With so extensive a schedule ahead, playing from the first day of the new season made little sense to Salmon but, alas, such a philosophy was lost on those involved in the selection process. "What cost me my international place was the decision of the London selectors to leave me out, apparently because I had not played enough early on," Salmon said.

"Being discarded by London hurts. I do not deny that. And once I had missed out with London, I knew I had very little hope with England. But to go from No. 1 centre in England's eyes to something like No. 8, is pretty shattering."

Geoff Cooke, the England manager, and a host of technical administrators saw the Harlequins quarter-final victory. Yet Salmon apparently did not do enough to convince England of his value, for he was left out when the touring party for Australia was named and now he will get married while the tour is taking place.

But Salmon's extended absence poses another question: whether his involvement with the Felbridge Juniors team, which made a special tour of South Africa last summer, might have invoked disapproval? "I like to think not," Salmon said. "We had agreement from the RFU and I reported fully to them before, during and after that visit.

"I went to South Africa to see things for myself and for the betterment of some young English players. Several players have reaped reward from that trip, particularly Andy Robinson, of Bath, Charlie Vyvyan and Andy Sutton, of Cambridge University. They learned a tremendous amount."

Salmon: philosophical

Salmon is anxious not to be portrayed as bitter over his abrupt exclusion from international rugby. Besides, he considers others even more unfortunate, especially Peter Williams, of Orrell. "He had a super World Cup and did nothing wrong" is Salmon's judgement.

At 28, the Harlequins man might be excused for departing the scene permanently, simply another victim of muddled selectorial thinking. But he hopes that will not be his epitaph. "I shall start from Day One next season: I am not going to knock it on the head. The motivation is still there to play for England. And anyway, I want to finish my international career on a better note than I am on at the moment."

All that suggests commendable devotion to the English cause. It just seems a pity that those who wear the rose with such obvious pride seem to be the ones treated so uncaringly.

Pontypool another Liverpool

By Gerald Davies

It would not do to let the season go by without a further mention of Pontypool, a small edition of whose official history goes on sale at their home match tomorrow. Especially interesting is the early period, not least because of the little conundrum arising over the proper age of the club.

Those entrusted with the biography of Pontypool RFC put the club's birth at as early as 1868. There are records and fixtures to show that rugby was played by Pontypool football club at this time and Pontypool are recognized as one of 11 clubs who, in 1881, met at Neath to form the Welsh Rugby Union.

Yet, because of the uncertainty surrounding the constitution of the club during the period 1886 and 1901 – a club called Pontypool Thursday were in being at the time – the committee of the present club recognize 1901 as the official year they were established. The official biographers will have none of it and are sticking to their guns.

Among other things, the book serves to remind us of the manner in which the club have dominated Welsh rugby for the last decade and more. If they won the unofficial championship twice in the Seventies, they won it three times in succession between 1983 and 1986 and, with a brief twitch last year, when they failed, they have done so again this time. It is the cup that regularly eludes them, for they have won it only once, in 1983.

Like Liverpool football club, to whom they are often compared in Wales, Pontypool's claim to the championship has not been seriously challenged from the very beginning of this season's campaign. They went to the top at the start and have remained there.

With one more game to go – against Aberavon tomorrow – before the curtain falls, they have won 43 of their 45 games and, with no other club coming anywhere near such a figure, they long ago made certain that the unofficial *Western Mail* championship was theirs as well as becoming top of the merit table sponsored by Whitbread (which they have won four times in the Eighties).

Only two teams have had the better of them this season. Bridgend beat them in September and between that loss and the next one – against Neath in the semi-final of the cup – Pontypool went 29 games without defeat. To date they have scored over 1,200 points, which include 212 tries.

It is well to bear in mind, because of their reputation – a reputation which hangs about them like a dark cloud – for a forward-dominated game, that they have scored more than 200 tries in five of their last six seasons. They have consistently played some of the best rugby in Wales, marrying a superb technical expertise at forward with the intuitive flair particularly of their half-backs, Bishop and Ring.

This has given them a greater flexibility in tactical play than they have known hitherto. Typically, Ring and Bishop have contributed substantially to the aggregate of points. The scrum half has scored 226 points, which include 35 tries. Ring has accumulated 357 points which, while including 14 tries, have largely been achieved through his kicking abilities. He has kicked 46 penalties, 59 conversions and 14 drop goals.

Waterloo stand firm

As Bristol Rugby Club prepares to meet Harlequins in the John Player Cup final at Twickenham tomorrow, it is still trying to settle its argument with Waterloo over a date for their Courage League match.

Waterloo wanted to play the match tonight, a date which Bristol said was impossible because they would not only be taking their first XV to Twickenham, but also six reserves.

The RFU intervened to move the fixture, at Bristol, to last night but Waterloo could not agree and again said they wanted to play tonight. Waterloo need to win the match to avoid relegation, although if Coventry lose at home to Orrell tomorrow, the Midlanders will automatically go down with the already doomed Sale.

The Bristol chairman of selectors, Alan Ramsey, said: "The whole situation is farcical. I wonder what Courage think because it demeans their competition. I just don't understand why the season could not be extended for a week."

The problem is now being handed over to the Senior Clubs Association, which has been responsible for setting up the League and ensuring its smooth operation in the inaugural season and may have to decide how to resolve the issue if Coventry win.

Doyoun's jockey approaching Guineas with blend of anxiety and optimism

Behind Swinburn's veil of youth

Classic thoughts: Swinburn muses over a possible first 2,000 Guineas triumph on Doyoun at Newmarket tomorrow (Photograph: Alan Johnson)

You would expect a few lines to have crept on to Walter Swinburn's face, just a hint that the early mornings, the insecurity and the abstinence which characterize the routine of a top jockey are taking their toll. There is no outward sign of it.

He rode his first winner at the age of 16 in 1978 and will look no older when he partners Doyoun, the odds-on favourite, in the 2,000 Guineas tomorrow afternoon. Only the record books, which show two English and Irish Derbys, an Oaks and an Arc de Triomphe, know that a decade has passed.

There are two schools of thought about the secret of Swinburn's eternal youth. One is that he is not a natural worrier, the other is that he is not dedicated enough. Swinburn denies both.

"The build-up to a big race is terrible. Any jockey who says he doesn't worry about it is a liar. I think about the race just as much as any other jockey, want to win just as much.

"I'm aware that people think I'm not hungry enough, that I won't travel round to get the rides. That's not right. I'll go anywhere to ride and I work at it just as hard. Perhaps it's my relaxed attitude which confuses people," he says.

"I enjoy riding winners. I rode a small winner for a syndicate at Brighton earlier this week and you should have seen the joy on their faces. That gives me as much of a thrill as riding a classic winner.

"I did try to pace myself last season but because of the way the pattern of racing is changing, with more and more evening meetings, it's very difficult. If your trainer has got a runner then you have to go, there's no two ways about it."

But the fact that he has never ridden 100 winners in a season suggests that Swinburn is not as prepared as some to ride losers or hustle on the phone.

Horses are in his blood but not to the exclusion of everything else. It wasn't until he became too lightweight to play rugby that he took up his apprenticeship with Frenchie Nicholson.

He still loves cricket and tennis and he will reel off his time down the Cresta Run with undue speed for a man who forgets the names of owners as soon as they are out of sight. He can, though, remember horses; in particular, good horses.

"You can get the feeling of roughly how good a horse is straightaway – the way they walk, the way they feel. It's something you learn from experience. All the good horses I've ridden have been comfortable to sit on.

"When Doyoun came into the yard, I took him round the indoor track and was happy as a sandboy for two days afterwards. He just felt right, compact and comfortable. I knew he was a good horse before the start of the season and expected him to win his trial, though not quite as impressively as he did.

"He did everything right and in the final furlong or two, I just let him loose to teach him a bit. It was the first time he had really been stretched because he's found his work easy. Having said all that, he'll probably get beaten," says Swinburn with the gentle smile of the poker player who is concealing a royal flush.

When he first came into racing, Swinburn was christened The Choirboy. The epithet still fits the features, but one or two brushes with the stewards, one of which cost him a classic win on Shadeed, and with the law, one of which cost him his driving licence, have pushed the halo a little askew.

He has a sharper side and speaks with surprising force when he feels it is right. Currently, his anger is vented on the new guidelines about whips. "Stupid. Ludicrous. It's the manner in which they have been introduced that has upset us, just a few days before the start of the season with no warning. The other day, a lad was had up for easing up on a beaten horse. No one knows where they stand."

Swinburn has never been a whip-happy jockey and Doyoun will find no more tender handler tomorrow, Guineas or no Guineas. If all goes to plan, the Aga Khan's colours will follow Shergar and Shahrastani to Epsom. Whether they meet with the same success remains to be seen.

Swinburn is optimistic, but refuses to regard Doyoun as another Shergar. "Shergar was half-human. In the Derby, I wasn't in the position I wanted; he got into the position he wanted. He was the best," which at least explains the Swinburn theory of eternal youth. "Ride the best horses", he says.

Andrew Longmore

Charities to work together

Three racing charities are coming together from today to concentrate their efforts in raising money.

The new consortium, called Racing Welfare, will consist of the Jockey Club Charitable Trust, the Injured Jockeys' Fund and the Stable Lads Welfare Trust.

Each charity will retain its own identity and continue to distribute its own money. But David Sieff, director of Marks and Spencer and one of Racing Welfare's trustees, said the new arrangement will make the best use of resources and will tell everyone "loudly and clearly" how they can help.

Several racecourses have already agreed to give the consortium a percentage of the money raised on charity race days.

All proceeds will be divided equally among the three charities, which will each retain their own identity.

Punters deserve better deal

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

Money taken in entry fees for horses and received by the generosity of sponsors falls a long way short of that required to ensure financial viability of running a point-to-point meeting. Success depends upon the support from the general public.

A mistaken belief appears to be held in some quarters that the majority of those who pay to get in are locals on a family outing attending the meeting solely to support "their" hunt.

Nothing could be further from the truth. The majority are enthusiasts who go to a meeting every Saturday of the season, some travelling astonishing distances to do so.

It is quite immaterial to them whether the races are being staged by the Barchester Draghounds or the Fleet Street Harriers. As students of form, they know the relative merits of the horses and are there to pit their wits against the bookmakers.

It is surprsing therefore, that many organizing hunts do not realize the effect on attendance of poor value given by the bookmakers in some areas.

There is little doubt that if the bar caterer charged £2 for a pint of beer than an alternative supplier would be found for the following year. Yet it is quite common to see odds on boards at some meetings which represent a profit margin of similar proportions.

Wherever there is competition there is little cause for complaint, even though the organizing hunt rarely makes any effort to ensure that their supporters are getting a fair deal.

Some hunts, however, pass the task of ensuring the provisions of stands to the bookmakers themselves. This inevitably leads to a "closed shop" with each invited member being given strict instructions on limits to be applied to the odds laid. The hunt operated totes provide little opposition

Like it or not, point-to-pointing, in spite of the "all amateur" status, is part of the racing industry controlled by the Jockey Club. In consequence a tighter control of betting should be enforced.

Not only would more racegoers be attracted to the sport – with the proviso that they knew beforehand which horses were entered – but the bookmakers themselves would benefit from the increase in turnover generated.

RESULTS: COTSWOLD: Hunt: 1, Mr Sinclair (Miss S Arkell); 2, Narioch (S Norris); 3, High Down Hill (S Gabbs). Ladies: 1, Coul Kanda (Miss A Langton); 2, Hi Darlin' (Miss S Clarke); 3, Egbert (Miss C Mumford). Open: 1, Listary Lad (T Jones); 2, Princely Call (N Jones); 3, Dance The Blues (P Gee). Adj: 1, Madam May (J Trice-Rolfe); 2, Michael's Emperor (L Carenza); 3, Timber Tool (N Jones). Rest: 1, Walker's Lodge (N Oliver); 2, Polka Dot. Only 2 ran. Adj Rest: 1, Burnswark (H Wheeler); 2, Helvic Bay (M Portman); 3, Indian Retreat (J Trice-Rolfe).

SOUTH DEVON: Hunt: 1, Perspex Way (P Hosegood); 2, Sandsprite (P Scholfield); 2, Two Parts (Mrs S Insh). Adj: 1, Spierslake (P Scholfield); 2, Adjudicator (N Bush); 3, Import Export (R Delve). Ladies: 1, Gathabawn (Mrs J Litston); 2, Gerry Doyle (Miss J Southcombe); 3, Sweet Solicitor (Miss N Williams). PPOA: 1, Political Whip (M Felton); 2, Destiny Bay (R Green); 3, Mernington (A Wardall). Open: 1, Smart Reply (M Felton); 2, Foxe's Castle (P Scholfield); 3, Culm Valley (C Down). Mdn: 1, Daraheen Sniper (Miss A Howard-Chappell); 2, Walnut Way (T Grebe); 3, Kelly's Story (C Maude).

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The special numbers to call will be listed in *The Times* next Tuesday. The calls cost 25p per minute off peak and 38p per minute at other times.

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Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Shine Again.	2.15 SHINE AGAIN (nap).
2.45 Karla's Star.	2.45 —
3.15 Beaurepaire Boy.	3.15 African Spirit.
3.50 Raahin.	3.50 Laughing Moon.
4.25 Tender Whisper.	4.25 Nishila.
5.00 Fille D'Esprit.	5.00 Fille D'Esprit.

By Michael Seely
4.25 Tender Whisper. 5.0 Fille D'Esprit.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.15 TANIAS DAD.

Going: good to soft (soft final two furlongs)
Draw: high numbers best in sprints

2.15 EBF HIGH STILE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,944: 5f) (16 runners)

1 (1) BELFORT GIPSY (L May) S Norton 8-12 .... J Lowe —
4 (3) 00 CROWTHERS 9 (John Crowther Gp Plc) E Weymes 8-12 .... J Bleasdale 76
10 (5) KINEMATIC (P D Savill) R Hollinshead 8-12 .... S Perks —
12 (4) 0 PANSONG 8 (C Barber-Lomax) T Fairhurst 8-12 .... S Whitworth —
15 (14) SUPER BENZ (T H Bennett) M H Easterby 8-12 .... M Birch —
16 (2) THE GANNOCHY (D Montagu) J W Watts 8-12 .... N Connorton —
19 (7) CANTY'S GOLD (S Norton) S Norton 8-7 .... G Duffield —
20 (8) FILICAIA (Don Enrico Incisa) N Tinkler 8-7 .... Kim Tinkler —
25 (9) MISS NANNA (Miss M Bell) Miss M Bell 8-7 .... N Carlisle —
26 (6) MY TOY (D A Halsall) E J Alston 8-7 .... G Baxter —
27 (10) 0 PYROMANIA 23 (J P Spencer) R W Stubbs 8-7 .... P Burke (7) —
28 (11) 0 SHINE AGAIN 16 (Cheveley Park Stud) W Haggas 8-7 .... B Raymond ● 99
29 (13) 0 SIMPLIFY 7 (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-7 .... M Wigham —
30 (15) SVELTISSIMA (G P Bernacchi) J Berry 8-7 .... S Morris —
32 (12) 0 TITIAN MIST 14 (D A Millward) J Jefferson 8-7 .... W Ryan —
34 (16) 00 WIT AND WISDOM 8 (Mrs P Bell) T D Barron 8-7 .... D Nicholls 80

BETTING: 6-4 Shine Again, 4-1 Super Benz, 9-2 Belfort Gipsy, 7-1 The Gannochy, 10-1 Simplify, 12-1 Kinematic, Crowthers, 14-1 Sveltissima, 16-1 others.

1987: RAMPANT RON 8-11 J Lowe (4-1 jt-fav) S Norton 16 ran

2.45 BRANDRETH CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,220: 5f) (16 runners)

1 (15) 10030-0 MISTER MAC 6 (D,F,G) (J McAlister) N Tinkler 9-4 .... Kim Tinkler 79
2 (8) BWANA (P D Savill) Mrs G Reveley 9-0 .... J Carr (5) —
3 (4) EMSALCLA (M Brittain) M Brittain 9-0 .... M Wigham —
5 (9) 000-0 HAPPY CAVALIER 6 (Mrs M Armitage) M H Easterby 9-0 .... M Birch 70
9 (10) 4040-00 FLOATING NOTE 6 (B) (Fir Trading Ltd) J S Wainwright 8-11 .... L Charnock 85
14 (14) 42000-3 HINARI HI FI 14 (Hinari Consumer Elecs Ltd) M S Johnson 8-7 .... R P Elliott 90
15 (16) 000- SIERRA DELTA 262 (J Baxter) S Leadbetter 8-7 .... S Webster —
19 (3) 0-00 NEEDWOOD CRACKER 17 (Needwood Turf Accnts Ltd) B Morgan 8-5 G Duffield —
21 (6) 3200-40 TINA'S SONG 6 (Mrs I Raine) T Barron 8-5 .... D Nicholls 96
22 (2) 00040-0 BRADLEYS IN TOWN 6 (Mrs M Mills) N Tinkler 8-4 .... Julie Bowker (7) 82
23 (1) 0300-44 KARLA'S STAR 30 (D,F,S) (J Burgess) G M Moore 8-3 .... S Wood (5) ● 99
24 (7) 010-0 MAMMA SAYS NO 23 (D,S) (H Savill) R Hollinshead 8-3 .... R Lappin (5) 90
25 (12) 000-000 MISS DIONYSOS 4 (B) (Mrs P Cosgrave) J Cosgrave 8-3 .... NON-RUNNER —
26 (11) 402-303 LUTINETTE 11 (P Deal) M Usher 8-1 .... A McGlone 82
27 (5) 00-0 MAISON BLEU 11 (M Townson) B McMahon 8-1 .... T Williams —
30 (13) 00000-0 LYNDISCHARM 24 (Mrs S Alston) E Alston 7-13 .... G Baxter 91

BETTING: 11-4 Hinari Hi Fi, 4-1 Happy Cavalier, 5-1 Karla's Star, 6-1 Mister Mac, 8-1 Tina's Song, 10-1 Lutnette, 12-1 Mamma Says No, 14-1 Lyndischarm, 16-1 others.

1987: MR BERKELEY 8-8 J Lowe (8-1) C Tinkler 14 ran

3.15 GRASMERE HANDICAP (£2,012: 6f) (19 runners)

1 (4) 004030- AFRICAN SPIRIT 281 (CD,F,S) (B Haggas) M Prescott 4-9-11 .... G Duffield 92
3 (13) 0020-00 VALLEY MILLS 16 (D,F,G,S) (T D Barron) T D Barron 8-9-4 D Monaghan-White (7) 89
5 (14) 0300-3 SNOW LADY 20 (F) (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 4-9-4 .... N Day 94
7 (19) 200040- NEEDWOOD NUT 200 (D,G) (Needwood Turf Accnts) B Morgan 4-9-0 G Hind (7) 90
8 (18) 000-14 BEAUREPAIRE BOY 16 (D,BF,S) (Miss Hallsworth) Mrs G Reveley 4-8-13 J Carr (5) 89
13 (11) 000400- ROCK MACHINE 212 (F) (Mrs J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-8 .... S Buckton 90
14 (6) 00000-0 LYRIC WAY 7 (D,F,G) (Miss M Saigal) W Musson 6-8-5 .... A Mackay 90
16 (2) 20100-0 FAWLEY'S GIRL 25 (CD,F,G) (Mrs J Lowe) R Hollinshead 6-8-4 .... A Culhane (5) 88
17 (9) 0301-00 ENTIRE 11 (F) (Lt-Col W Monteith) P Monteith 4-8-4 .... T Sprake (7) 85
18 (12) 1000-40 EASTBROOK 23 (D,F,G,S) (D Bushnell) Miss S Hall 8-8-3 .... L Charnock 89
19 (5) 03-2004 GLORY GOLD 2 (D,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 4-8-3 .... M Wigham 89
20 (1) 0-00 PROFILIC 24 (J Goodman) Capt J Wilson 3-8-1 .... K Darley —
21 (8) 00034-2 TANIAS DAD 3 (V) (P O'Donnell) C Spares 5-7-13 .... A Proud ● 99
22 (10) 00/100-0 JUMP TO IT 23 (S) (J Lane) J J O'Neill 5-7-10 .... J Lowe 88
26 (7) 0/00-0 REGAL BRASS 8 (Mr W Cox) P Blockley 4-7-7 .... Catherine Roberts (7) —
27 (15) 0/0000-4 MASTER-BLOW 30 (D,S) (J Church) J S Haldane 9-7-7 .... J Quinn (5) 78
28 (16) 000001- AMBER LOCH 181 (Miss J Cook) M Ellerby 3-7-7 .... P Burke (7) —
32 (17) 0000- BOOK REVIEW 270 (Mrs M LeFleming) J Cosgrave 4-7-7 .... S Wood (5) —
33 (3) 000000- TARISTEAC 184 (B,CD,G) (S Bowring) S Bowring 8-7-7 .... M Fry 72

Long handicap: Master Blow 7-5, Amber Loch 7-5, Book Review 6-9, Tansteac 6-5.

BETTING: 5-1 Beaurepaire Boy, 6-1 Tanias Dad, 8-1 Eastbrook, 9-1 Glory Gold, 10-1 Snow Lady, 12-1 Fawley's Girl, 14-1 African Spirit, Entire, Valley Mills, 16-1 others.

1987: FAWLEY'S GIRL 5-8-1 A Culhane (14-1) R Hollinshead 17 ran

3.50 GREAT GABLE GRADUATION STAKES (£824: 1m 4f) (15 runners)

3 (8) JANES STAR (G Bulmer) Roy Robinson 4-9-4 .... Dana Mellor [illegible]
4 (12) 0000- JOEY BLACK 129J (Niland & Treacy Con Co Ltd) P Blockley 4-9-4 .... S Keightley [illegible]
5 (4) MOSHUGANAGH 51J (R Morrow) R Fisher 6-9-4 .... D Nicholls [illegible]
6 (14) 00 SLINTY HILL 7 (J Jones) J Cosgrave 7-9-4 .... G Baxter [illegible]
7 (13) 2000-00 WISECOURSE 11 (W Midlands Racing Club) K Bridgwater 4-9-4 .... J Bleasdale [illegible]
8 (3) 00300-0 BREGUET 16 (D Enrico Incisa) D Enrico Incisa 5-9-1 .... Kim Tinkler [illegible]
9 (7) P00/00 GREENACRES GIRL 8 (M Talbot) B McMahon 7-9-1 .... T Williams [illegible]
10 (6) 34440/0- ROSE TABLEAU 16J (Mrs H Wells) P Daly 5-9-1 .... P Burke (7) [illegible]
12 (10) 213- LAUGHING MOON 185 (S) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 3-8-10 .... W Ryan [illegible]
13 (15) 000-12 RAAHIN 18 (D,BF,S) (Maktoum Al-Maktoum) Mrs L Piggott 3-8-10 .... B Raymond [illegible]
15 (5) 0-4 COUNT MY BLESSINGS 25 (M Gadsby) C Wall 3-8-0 .... M Giles [illegible]
16 (2) 004-020 EXPLOSIVE SPIRIT 6 (B) (R Trontz) S Norton 3-8-0 .... G Duffield [illegible]
17 (1) 0 FAILSAFE 63 (C Cyzer) S Norton 3-8-0 .... J Lowe [illegible]
18 (9) GALLOWAY BREEZE (W Allan) Denys Smith 3-8-0 .... M Fry [illegible]
22 (11) 0-0 TENNENTS SUPER LAD 7 (Zoe Grant) S Bowring 3-8-0 .... A Proud [illegible]

BETTING: 6-4 Laughing Moon, 9-4 Raahin, 5-1 Count My Blessings, 8-1 Explosive Spirit, 12-1 Failsafe, 20-1 others.

1987: ALA HOUNAK 3-8-6 G Duffield (7-2) F Durr 16 ran

4.25 BOW FELL MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £824: 1m) (17 runners)

1 (8) 0 ALVECOTE LADY 13 (D A Collins) S Norton 8-11 .... M Birch [illegible]
2 (7) 0- COMFREY GLEN 211 (Mrs S W Smart) J W Watts 3-8-11 .... N Connorton [illegible]
5 (5) 0- ENCHANTING KATE 175 (J Sinclair) C Booth 3-8-11 .... S Salmon [illegible]
6 (4) 0-0 ERREMA 23 (E Richmond) R Whitaker 3-8-11 .... Dean McKeown [illegible]
7 (14) 2 FOND KISS 30 (C Cyzer) S Norton 3-8-11 .... J Lowe [illegible]
8 (16) 0 INSPIRED LOVE 17 (Mohammed Chalda) B Hanbury 3-8-11 .... B Raymond [illegible]
10 (6) LA FESTA (C W Elsey) W Elsey 3-8-11 .... L Charnock [illegible]
12 (10) 033- LIGHT THE NIGHT 218 (Gurteng Stud Ltd) P Cole 3-8-11 .... G Baxter [illegible]
15 (11) 00- NAUGHTS N' CROSSES 177 (Mrs G Rees) Capt J Wilson 3-8-11 Julie Bowker (7) [illegible]
16 (13) 0- NISHILA 188 (H H Aga Khan) M Stoute 3-8-11 .... A Kimberley [illegible]
17 (2) 000-30 NORTHGATE DANCER 27 (M Brittain) M Brittain 3-8-11 .... M Wigham [illegible]
19 (15) 000-0 OUR JULIE 25 (A Wilkinson) Denys Smith 3-8-11 .... M Fry [illegible]
20 (3) 04- OUR ROWENA 191 (G Moore) M Prescott 3-8-11 .... G Duffield [illegible]
21 (17) 000400- PETITE ANGEL 181 (R Hollinshead) R Hollinshead 3-8-11 .... A Skelton (7) [illegible]
22 (1) PINE CODGER (M Edmondson) D Chapman 3-8-11 .... S Webster [illegible]
23 (9) 00- ROMAN JOY 191 (W Lockey) B Wilkinson 3-8-11 .... NON-RUNNER [illegible]
24 (12) 0 TENDER WHISPER 13 (British Thoroughbreds R & B) L Cumani 3-8-11 L Dettori (5) [illegible]

BETTING: 3-1 Tender Whisper, 4-1 Nishila, 9-2 Light The Night, 7-1 Inspired love, 8-1 Comfrey Glen, 10-1 Our Rowena, 12-1 Fond Kiss, 14-1 Alvecote Lady, 16-1 others.

1987: FIRST OF ALL 8-11 Rae Guest (Evens fav) L Cumani 13 ran

5.0 SCAFELL HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,138: 1m) (16 runners)

1 (6) 203-314 QUEENS TOUR 17 (G,S) (I Bell) M Brittain 9-7 .... M Wigham [illegible]
3 (13) 1 SOLO ARTIST 30 (S) (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 9-5 .... N Day [illegible]
4 (8) 0211-44 BANK VIEW 7 (D,G,S) (Bank View Hire Ltd) N Tinkler 9-4 .... G Duffield [illegible]
5 (5) 00140-2 GILDED YOUTH 16 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J W Watts 9-4 .... N Connorton [illegible]
9 (11) 0001-00 PARESSE 16 (F) (T Barker) E Weymes 8-13 .... W Ryan [illegible]
10 (1) 000400- HARKEN PREMIER 188 (Premier Props (Surrey) Ltd) W Pearce 8-12 .. K Hodgson [illegible]
11 (10) 01-02 FILLE D'ESPRIT 10 (S) (Mrs C Dickson) W Haggas 8-12 .... B Raymond [illegible]
12 (9) 031320- GOOD MEDICINE 16 (V,S) (S A B Dinsmore Ltd) P Haslam 8-10 .... T Williams [illegible]
16 (4) 0010-0 MISS CAMELLIA 10 (D,G) (Gymcrak Racing Plc) M H Easterby 8-4 .... M Birch [illegible]
19 (7) 0001-00 GIPSY RAMBLER 16 (S) (Mrs D Bolton) N Chamberlain 8-3 .... J Quinn (5) [illegible]
20 (3) 000-4 ROBIN THE RICH 25 (Mrs G Hartas) M Ellerby 8-2 .... S Morris [illegible]
23 (16) 0200-00 FOOT PERFECT 16 (S Brown) F Carr 7-13 .... J Carr (5) [illegible]
24 (2) 0000-00 NUTACRE 3 (M Hill) D W Chapman 7-11 .... S Wood (5) [illegible]
25 (15) 4400-01 GREEN BAIZE 10 (S) (R Graham) K Stone 7-11 (5ex) .... L Charnock [illegible]
26 (14) 0000-4 TOUGH COOKIE 32 (R Bowden) R Allen 7-8 .... A Mackay [illegible]
27 (12) 000- RED JAM JAR 256 (F Reacher) J Mackie 7-8 .... J Lowe [illegible]

BETTING: 4-1 Fille D'Esprit, 6-1 Gilded Youth, 7-1 Solo Artist, 8-1 Green Baize, 10-1 Miss Camellia, Bank View, 12-1 Queens Tour, 14-1 Tough Cookie, Paresse, 16-1 others.

1987: NEW MEXICO 9-7 Rae Guest (5-1) D Morley 11 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
L Cumani	9	15	60.0
J W Watts	5	35	14.3
M H Easterby	4	30	13.3
S Norton	5	42	11.9
K Stone	3	29	10.3

Only qualifiers

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
B Raymond	3	21	14.3
N Connorton	6	47	12.8
G Duffield	7	56	12.5
M Birch	5	44	11.4
A Mackay	4	39	10.3

Only qualifiers

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Ravinella too powerful for home team in first classic

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

Ravinella (right) shows too much pace for Dabaweyaa (striped cap) in the closing stages of the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket yesterday. Gharibа (centre) finished fourth with third-placed Diminuendo out of shot (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

After riding an impeccably-judged waiting race, Gary Moore brought Ravinella storming through to pass Dabeweyaa in the last furlong of the General Accident 1,000 Guineas at a packed Newmarket yesterday.

Together with his father, George, who won the great race on Fleet in 1967, the 36-year-old reigning French champion jockey and former *champion of* Hong Kong became the first father and son combination to capture the first of the fillies' classics in living memory.

For Criquette Head, it was also a notable achievement, France's premier woman trainer having previously won the race with Ma Biche in 1983. Alec Head, too, was a happy man afterwards, having bred both fillies in partership *with Count Roland de* Chambure. "I have two special fillies, Criquette and Ravinella," he said.

It was a marvellous race to *watch. Steve Cauthen had* no option but to make the running on Diminuendo in order to attempt to blunt the 5-4 on favourite's formidable burst of finishing speed. But it was Walter Swinburn on Dabaweyaa who made the vital move when kicking for home at the Bushes.

For a few strides Ravinella appeared to be faced with a formidable task. But racing into the Dip it was clear that she had found her stride.

Staying on strongly up the hill, she won by 1½ lengths. Diminuendo finished the same distance away third *followed by Ghariba, Jungle* Gold and Obeah.

Hypercritically, Moore was inclined to be harsh with himself afterwards. "They didn't go a great gallop for the first three furlongs and perhaps I should have lain closer. I looked at Walter Swinburn and suddenly the kid had gone. But, when Ravinella changed her legs on the hill, I knew we were all right."

Madame Head now plans to send the third French-trained winner of the Guineas in the past six years, to Longchamp on May 15 for the Dubai Prix d'Essai des Pouliches.

"All being well, we'll certainly send her there," she *said. "We'll keep her to a mile* for the time being but we won't be taking on Miesque until later in the season."

Michael Stoute, having had the frustrating experience of watching his ninth placed filly — including six seconds — in the classic in the past 11 years, was philosophical in defeat. "There's no bad luck about it," he said with a smile.

"We just keep getting beaten by better fillies. She'll now go straight for the Oaks."

Diminuendo is also bound for Epsom. "She might take in the Musidora Stakes at York on the way," said Henry Cecil.

All the 7-1 against Dabaweyaa for the Oaks was quickly taken and the 5-1 still available will not be on offer for much longer as the form of yesterday's race is so solid.

The biggest surprise of the afternoon came when Intimate Guest was beaten in the Crawley Warren Pretty Polly Stakes. A furlong from home, the 7-4 joint-favourite was cruising in the hands of Cauthen and victory looked a formality. But the anticipated response was not forthcoming and in a desperate finish she was beaten a neck by La Vie En Primrose.

The race was certainly a chapter of accidents for the luckless runner-up. She banged her head in the stalls *and* came back with her mouth bleeding, Cecil reported. Intimate Guest was then flicked accidentally on the head by Swinburn on *Haiati*.

The 33-1 winner is trained by Clive Brittain, whose enterprise in launching giant-killing raids is so often successful. "She was no forlorn hope," said the trainer afterwards. "And what's more Intimidate and Lapierre are both going to run mighty races on Saturday. They may not be superstars, but they're tough, and tough horses win races."

3.40 GENERAL ACCIDENT 1,000 GUINEAS STAKES (Group I: 3-Y-O fillies: £88,308: 1m).

RAVINELLA b f Mr Prospector — Really Lucky (Ecurie Aland) 9-0 G Moore (4-5 fav: Mandarin's nap and Private Handicapper's top rating) 1.

Dabaweyaa b f Shareef Dancer — Habitues (M Obaida) 9-0 W R Swinburn (14-1) 2.

Diminuendo ch f Diesis — Cacti (Sheikh Mohammed) 9-0 S Cauthen (6-1) 3.

ALSO RAN: 8 Ghariba (4th), 12 *Magic Of Life (7th)*, 14 Bluebook (11th), 18 Ela Romara (9th), 50 Jungle Gold (5th), Obeah (6th), 100 Miss *Boniface* (10th), Posada (8th), Stop Day (12th). 12 ran. 1½l, 1½l, 1½l, 5l, 2l. Mme C Head in France. Tote: £1.80; £1.20, £3.50, £1.50. DF: £11.60. CSF: £11.85. 1min 40.88sec.

Minster Son to add strength to Hern's hand

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Although Emmson has not come to hand yet, there have still been unmistakable signs recently that Dick Hern's three-year-olds are going to be a force to be reckoned with this season.

First, Unfuwain bolted home at Epsom last week: then Golden Wave won at Bath on Tuesday. Today I expect that feeling to be reinforced by Minster Son winning the Newmarket Stakes.

No one will be keener for him to do so than his jockey, a certain William Hunter Carson, who also happens *to be his* breeder.

In hindsight, Minster Son's form last season stands up to the closest inspection. He began by surprising his connections at Newbury when he beat Unfuwain, his better-fancied stable companion.

After that he proved that the result was not a fluke by finishing second to the highly-rated Carmelite House at Kempton. Minster Son's only other race was the Horris Hill Stakes at Newbury where he could manage only fifth place.

Again, though, I maintain that there was nothing wrong with that performance, especially as the ground had become too soft for him. Glacial Storm, Zelphi, Galitzin and Harp Islet, the four who finished in front of him, are all a cut above average.

On a line through Carmelite House, Minster Son has nothing to fear from Red Glow at these weights because Red Glow could only manage sixth place behind Carmelite House in the Houghton Stakes last autumn.

Half an hour later Carson will be aboard that much improved five-year-old, Almaarad, in the General Accident Jockey Club Stakes, the day's most valuable race. However, the feeling at Arundel, where he is trained by John Dunlop, is that he might just need the race in this company.

In the circumstances, I think that the prize is more likely to go to Alwasmi, *Sheikh Hamdan Al*-Maktoum's other runner.

If form means anything at all at this level, Alwasmi ought to take care of Lake Erie and Quexioss again. They were both behind him when he won the John Porter Stakes at Newbury earlier this month and they meet on the same terms.

Percy's Lass has not been seen in public since she injured a shoulder badly while being trained for last year's Oaks.

As her form before that was laudable, she will be hard to beat *at these weights provided* that the injury has left no lasting damage. Time alone will tell.

Today's nap, though, is **Bold Citadel** in the Ely Handicap. Barry Hills's three-year-old landed a mighty gamble during the previous meeting when he won a similar but slightly shorter race. The way that he stretched out up the hill that day *suggested to me that he will* be even better suited by today's longer race.

Since then his form has been boosted twice, first when the third horse Rising Dexy bolted home by six lengths at Nottingham and again at Sandown last Saturday when the fifth horse Raykour won the Esher Cup.

Luca Cumani has a soft spot for Carlisle and Tender Whisper should be noted in the Bow Fell Maiden Fillies' Stakes, a race the Newmarket trainer won last year with a similar type.

Bruce Raymond has bright prospects of a treble with Shine Again (2.15), Raahin (3.50) and Fille D'Esprit (5.0).

Tibullo run in balance

Tibullo, third favourite at 8-1 for Saturday's 2,000 Guineas, has suffered a setback and may have to miss the first colts' classic.

Trainer *Luca Cumani* reported at Newmarket yesterday that the ex-Italian colt cut the inside of his off-fore joint during his final workout yesterday morning.

"It is only a small nick but it bled and it now just depends how much bruising occurs. The injury is under treatment," said Cumani.

"I consider there is a 60 per cent chance of him running, but I will know more tomorrow."

Blinkered first time

NEWMARKET: 2.35 Be My Fan. CARLISLE: 2.45 Floating Note; 3.50 Explosive Sprit.

NEWMARKET

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Iron King.
2.35 **BOLD CITADEL** (nap).
3.05 Minster Son.
3.40 Alwasmi.
4.10 Mac's Fighter.
4.40 Full Of Sauce.
5.10 Akdam.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.00 Superpower.
2.35 Yachtsman.
3.05 Red Glow.
3.40 Alwasmi.
4.10 Fag In Hand.
4.40 Full Of Sauce.
5.10 Akdam.

Michael Seely's selection: **2.35 BOLD CITADEL** (nap).

Going: good **Draw: no significant advantage**

2.0 ARLINGTON STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,629: 5f) (5 runners)

101	(1)	1	SUPERPOWER 15 (CD,G) (Mrs P Yong) W O'Gorman 9-2	T Ives	● 99
103	(2)		COTTENHAM (Mrs J Hislop) C Brittain 8-11	S Cauthen	—
104	(3)	001	IRON KING 4 (D,F) (C Sparrowhawk) R Hannon 8-12	B Rouse	89
105	(4)		SUPERMARINE (S Dinsmore) P Haslam 8-11	S Dawson	—
107	(5)		SWEET 'N' SHARP (Sheikh M Al Sabah) F Fytche 8-6	T Quinn	—

BETTING: 4-5 Superpower, 7-4 Iron King, 6-1 Cottenham, 10-1 Supermarine, 16-1 Sweet 'N' Sharp.

1987: COLMORE ROW 9-2 B Raymond (4-6 fav) W Jarvis 10 ran

FORM SUPERPOWER (9-0) beat Windsor Park (9-0) 1l here (5f, £2,898, good, April 14, 9 ran).
COTTENHAM (April 23) half-brother to 1984 juvenile sprint winner Sparkling Wit.
IRON KING (9-0) beat Jay Gee (9-0) 4l at Brighton (5f, £959, soft, April 25, 8 ran).
SUPERMARINE (May 8: 6,400gns). Dam selling winner at three.
SWEET 'N' SHARP (Apr 13: 52,000gns). By successful sire Sharpo out a winning mare.
Selection: SUPERPOWER

2.35 ELY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £6,284: 1m) (8 runners)

201	(3)	011-0	YACHTSMAN 21 (BF,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-7	S Cauthen	96
202	(8)	210-1	BOLD CITADEL 17 (C,G) (R Sangster) B Hills 9-6	M Hills	● 99
203	(5)	140-	PADDY EGAN 227 (G) (Duke of Devonshire) J Toller 9-1	R Cochrane	91
204	(7)	3100-	HULDINE 212 (F) (D Aykroyd) P Walwyn 9-0	Pat Eddery	94
205	(4)	0022-	GOVERNOR'S HARBOUR 185 (Mrs A Reid) R Armstrong 8-11	M Roberts	95
207	(2)	0141-0	FESTIVAL MOOD 14 (S) (J Last) B Hills 8-8	J Reid	94
210	(6)	1-0	BE MY FAN 14 (V,S) (V Ratan) M Jarvis 7-12	W Carson	97
211	(1)	00410-4	GUNNER'S HILL 25 (G) (Qualitair Holdings Ltd) K Stone 7-7	G Bardwell (5)	96

BETTING: 5-2 Bold Citadel, 7-2 Yachtsman, 9-2 Be My Fan, 7-1 Governor's Harbour, 8-1 Huldine, Festival Mood, 12-1 Gunner's Hill, Paddy Egan.

1987: BIN SHADDAD 9-7 T Ives (6-1) L Piggott 12 ran

FORM YACHTSMAN (9-3) best effort 4l defeat of Vayrua (8-11) at Doncaster on penultimate start with FESTIVAL MOOD (9-3) 2l 4th (7f, £1,959, good, Oct 23, 23 ran).
BOLD CITADEL (9-1) landed hefty gamble when beating Top Dream (7-8) neck at Newmarket (7f, £5,800, good, Apr 12, 16 ran).
PADDY EGAN (9-0) best effort 3l win from Nickle Plated (9-0) at Newmarket (7f, £4,133, good, July 31, 20 ran).
HULDINE (8-10) short head 2nd to Still Surprised (8-3) at Newmarket (1m, £8,073, good to firm, Sep 30, 12 ran).
GOVERNOR'S HARBOUR (8-11) ¾l 2nd to Amber Loch (8-11) at Redcar (1m, £1,494, heavy, Oct 27, 8 ran).
FESTIVAL MOOD (9-0) best effort ½l beating of Nebula Way (8-11) at Leicester (7f, £2,607, soft, Nov 3, 7 ran).
BE MY FAN (9-0) beat Norquay (9-0) ¾l at Lingfield (7f, £1,814, good to soft, Nov 2, 13 ran).
Selection: BOLD CITADEL

3.5 NEWMARKET STAKES (3-Y-O colts: listed race: £13,266: 1m 2f) (5 runners)

301	(4)	120-	MINSTER SON 190 (F) (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) W Hern 8-13	W Carson	● 99
302	(2)	31334-	TOP CLASS 188 (F) (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 8-13	S Cauthen	96
307	(1)	0-	RED GLOW 195 (E Moller) G Wragg 8-10	Pat Eddery	73
308	(5)	4113-0	STAGE LARK 15 (G) (A Steedman) A Bailey 8-10	J Reid	79
309	(3)	0212-0	TOPSIDER MAN 15 (S) (Mrs V del Bono) J Dunlop 8-10	T Ives	94

BETTING: 7-4 Minster Son, 3-1 Topsider Man, 7-2 Red Glow, 5-1 Top Class, 14-1 Stage Lark.

1987: GENGHIZ 8-10 T Ives (4-1) L Piggott 5 ran

FORM MINSTER SON (9-0) best effort 1½l victory over Unfuwain (9-0) at Newbury (7f, £4,673, good to firm, Aug 15, 27 ran).
TOP CLASS (9-0) 2½l 4th to Emmson (9-0) at Doncaster (1m, group I, £48,384, good, Oct 24, 6 ran).
RED GLOW (8-12) 12½l 6th of 12 behind Carmelite House (9-5) here (7f, £9,533, good to soft, Oct 17, 12 ran). Likely to improve.
STAGE LARK (9-3) best effort head beating of Bay Hero (9-3) at Pontefract (6f, £2,888, good, June 23, 4 ran).
TOPSIDER MAN (8-11) nose 2nd to Noldinger (8-11) in Rome (1m, group II, £21,073, heavy, November 15, 9 ran): prominent until weakening closing stages when unplaced behind Keefah here (1m 1f, listed, £10,063, good, April 14, 11 ran).
Selection: TOPSIDER MAN

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	46	181	25.4	S Cauthen	68	345	19.7
W Hern	21	119	17.6	W R Swinburn	33	219	15.1
M Stoute	31	188	16.5	Pat Eddery	46	307	15.0
H T Jones	8	72	11.1	R Cochrane	30	252	11.9
K Stone	4	36	11.1	W Carson	36	302	11.9
J Dunlop	17	163	10.4	G Bardwell	4	36	11.1

(Yesterday's results not included)

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.40 GENERAL ACCIDENT JOCKEY CLUB STAKES (Group II: £28,530: 1m 4f) (5 runners)

403	(1)	201110-	ALMAARAD 218 (D,F,G,S) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 4-8-7	W Carson	91
404	(5)	22001-1	ALWASMI 13 (D,G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 4-8-7	R Hills	98
405	(3)	21101-3	LAKE ERIE 13 (D,G,S) (C Hirmas) M Stoute 5-8-7	W R Swinburn	● 99
406	(2)	10110-0	QUEXIOSS 13 (D,G,S) (Dr C Vittadini) H Cecil 4-8-7	S Cauthen	95
407	(4)	111/21-	PERCY'S LASS 350 (F,G) (E Moller) G Wragg 4-8-4	Pat Eddery	94

BETTING: 9-4 Lake Erie, 5-2 Alwasmi, 7-2 Quexioss, 6-1 Percy's Lass, 7-1 Almaarad.

1987: PHARDANTE 5-8-12 G Starkey (7-1) G Harwood 7 ran

FORM ALMAARAD (9-7) best effort ½l beating of Saronicos (9-5) at Deauville on penultimate start (1m 5f 100yd, group II, £38,212, soft, Aug 30, 14 ran).
ALWASMI (8-10) beat Sir Harry Lewis (9-2) 1½l at Newbury with LAKE ERIE (8-10) ¾l 3rd and QUEXIOSS (8-10) another 1l 5th (1m 4f, group III, £24,147, good, Apr 16, 8 ran).
LAKE ERIE (9-0) beat Ivory Fields (8-4) 4l at Newbury (1m 4f, group III, £16,770, heavy, Oct 24, 11 ran).
QUEXIOSS (8-10) best effort last term ¾l defeat of Spruce Baby (8-10) at Haydock (1m 4f, listed, £8,174, good to soft, July 3, 3 ran).
PERCY'S LASS (8-9) beat Three Tails (9-1) 1l at Newbury (1m 2f, listed, £10,665, good to firm, May 15, 8 ran).
Selection: LAKE ERIE

4.10 CHAMPAGNE HENRIOT SOUVERAIN HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £6,596: 6f) (14 runners)

502	(2)	2302-03	GREAT CHADDINGTON 27 (G,S) (C Fry) J Berry 9-7	J Carroll	95
503	(9)	21124-0	APTITUDE 15 (F,G) (H H Prince Y Saud) B Hills 9-5	M Hills	89
504	(13)	3130-0	MISS CHRISSY 14 (G) (Mrs S Freeman) G Balding 9-5	J Williams	83
506	(8)	2030-13	SHERJAN 11 (D,F,S) (Mrs S Khan) Mrs L Piggott 9-2	T Ives	89
507	(7)	03102-0	DIRECTORS' CHOICE 27 (D,F) (P Scarborough) D A Wilson 9-1	S Cauthen	91
508	(6)	2201-	GUN LADY 213 (D,F) (A Stirling) J Dunlop 8-13	W Carson	85
509	(11)	10-4	SIMON RATTLE 15 (D,G) (O Waller) P Walwyn 8-12	M Roberts	91
510	(10)	0100-43	FAG IN HAND 15 (D,G) (Mrs M Haggas) W Haggas 8-11	R Hills	94
511	(4)	20100-2	MAC'S FIGHTER 15 (B,CD,F) (M McDonnell) W O'Gorman 8-9	R Morse (5)	95
515	(3)	301-131	SHAY 6 (G,S) (B Brooks) M Brittain 8-4 (7ex)	Pat Eddery	97
516	(14)	0040-00	APPELLANT 6 (A Richards) C Brittain 8-1	Paul Eddery	89
518	(12)	1100-02	TZUTIN 10 (D,F) (D Lee) Mrs N Macauley 7-12	N Adams	● 99
519	(5)	31-0	WINKING WINNER 17 (S) (W Said) N Callaghan 7-9	G Bardwell (5)	93
520	(1)	1441-33	FAIRFIELD LAD 8 (G,S) (J Hay) M Tompkins 7-7	Dale Gibson (5)	92

Long handicap: Fairfield Lad 7-3.

BETTING: 5-1 Mac's Fighter, 6-1 Fag In Hand, 8-1 Aptitude, 9-1 Simon Rattle, 10-1 Shay, 12-1 Great Chaddington, Director's Choice, 14-1 Tzutin, Sherjan, 16-1 Gun Lady, Miss Chrissy, 20-1 others.

1987: HALF A YEAR 9-0 R Cochrane (5-1) L Cumani 18 ran

FORM GREAT CHADDINGTON (8-3) 2½l 3rd to Penon (9-7) at Haydock (5f, listed, £7,017, heavy, April 2, 10 ran).
SHERJAN (8-12) head 3rd to Sleepy Mountain (8-13) at Folkestone (6f, £2,511, good, April 18, 7 ran).
DIRECTORS' CHOICE (9-5) best effort 7½l 6th to Acajou (9-0) at Salisbury (7f, £5,709, good, Aug 13, 8 ran).
MAC'S FIGHTER (7-12) short head 2nd to Point Of Light (8-12) here (6f, £5,627, good, Apr 14, 16 ran) with FAG IN HAND (8-0) ½l 3rd, SIMON RATTLE (8-1), hampered, another 1l 4th and APTITUDE (8-8), eased closing stages, out of first nine.
SHAY (8-11) *beat Very Special Lady (8-5) 1l at Sandown (5f, £3,837, good, Apr 23, 9 ran).*
FAIRFIELD LAD (8-6) best effort head victory from Anthony Loretto (8-9) in Doncaster nursery (5f, £1,962, good, Nov 6, 22 ran).
Selection: FAIRFIELD LAD

4.40 EBF WILBRAHAM MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,798: 5f) (5 runners)

601	(2)		CITY BIRD (J Livock) N Callaghan 8-11	Pat Eddery	—
602	(1)	2	FULL OF SAUCE 13 (Cheveley Park Stud) R Williams 8-11	R Cochrane	● 99
603	(3)		MISS SARAHSUE (V Hall) A Hide 8-11	Paul Eddery	—
605	(4)	4	PERICOT 9 (A Williams) P Kelleway 8-11	J Reid	—
606	(5)		TWO WORLDS (Y Nasib) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	—

BETTING: 5-4 Full Of Sauce, 9-4 Two Worlds, 9-2 City Bird, 8-1 Pericot, 14-1 Miss Sarahsue.

1987: MOON DROP 8-11 B Raymond (5-1 jt-fav) B Hanbury 15 ran

FORM FULL OF SAUCE (8-11) ½l 2nd to Wald Rainbow (8-11) at Newbury (5f, *£3,360, good, Apr 15, 18 ran*).
CITY BIRD (Jan 29: 8,800gns) by Song, generally an influence for speed.
MISS SARAHSUE (Mar 23) dam showed a little ability on Flat at two.
PERICOT (8-9) 19l 4th to Howling Gael (9-0) at *Epsom (5f, £2,301, soft, Apr 20, 5 ran).*
TWO WORLDS (Jan 30: $200,000). By Diesis, at his best at two.
Selection: FULL OF SAUCE

5.10 NEWMARKET CHALLENGE WHIP (3-Y-O: no penalty value: 1m) (4 runners)

1	(4)		AKDAM (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0	R Hills	—
2	(2)		LAND-LOCKED (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0	M Hills	—
4	(1)		OLD KILPATRICK (A Struthers) J Dunlop 9-0	W Carson	—
5	(3)	0	USURPER 16 (B) (C Watt) John FitzGerald 9-0	Paul Eddery	—

BETTING: 5-4 Akdam, 6-4 Land-Locked, 5-1 Old Kilpatrick, 6-1 Usurper.

1987: COCKATOO ISLAND 8-11 G Carter (walked over) G Pritchard-Gordon

FORM USURPER (9-0) out of first nine behind Alquoz (9-0) here (1m, £5,221, good, April 13, 18 ran).
AKDAM ($700,000). Half-brother to two winners in United States.
LAND LOCKED (Ir150,000gns foal). Half-brother to several winners notably useful 1976 juvenile sprint winner Easy Landing.
OLD KILPATRICK half-brother to three winners including good mile winner Macarthurs Head.
Selection: AKDAM

PLUMPTON

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Ittihaad. 2.45 Garfunkel. 3.15 Robert Frost. 3.45 Breakfast Car. 4.15 Wordel. 4.45 Guessing.

Going: firm

2.15 CHASELEY TRUST NOVICES HURDLE (£859: 2m) (15 runners)

5	P100	EAGLE MOSS 8 (B,CD,S) A Moore 6-11-7	W Morris
6	-441	ITTIHAAD 14 (D,F) R Akehurst 5-11-7	Dale McKeown
9	0000	CHEEK MAJOR 310 J Bosley 7-11-1	M Bosley
13	F02F	HETTINGER 20 (S) J Ffitch-Heyes 8-11-1	R Goldstein
14	-UPF	MAJORIAN 129 M Collins 10-11-1	B Wright
16	0F-F	SCYLLA'S CHIP 167 N Wheeler 6-11-1	Mr N Wheeler
29	0002	LITTLE TIMING 13 J Joseph 4-10-10	Miss S Lawrence
30	0	START COUNTING 256 T Muggeridge 4-10-10	C Warren
31	-PP0	SUMCIEL 8 Mrs P Townsley 7-10-10	Mr P Townsley
32	P	SURVIVE 113 A Neaves 6-10-10	Mr S McKeever (7)
33	0	SWEET SAGE 16 T Muggeridge 6-10-10	M Muggeridge (7)
34	P	TAMALPAIS 53 H Collingridge 5-10-10	S Woods (4)
36	0332	ENDLESS GOSSIP 4 (BF) A Moore 4-10-5	Candy Moore (4)
37	42	JUST ENCHANTING 225F J Davies 4-10-5	M Furlong
38	P0	*LOST MOMENT 62 S Harris 4-10-5*	*C Mann*

5-2 Ittihaad, 7-2 Endless Gossip, 5-1 Little Timing, 7-1 Hettinger, 8-1 Just Enchanting, 10-1 Eagle Moss, 14-1 others.

2.45 SPUR AT SLINDON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,620: 2m 4f)(10)

1	14F0	WILY YEOMAN 31 (D,F,S) J Gifford 9-11-11	R Rowe
4	0P11	GARFUNKEL 25 (F,G,S) P Mitchell 9-11-2	R Dunwoody
6	0122	LECTOR 15 (B,BF,F,G,S) D Elsworth 7-10-0	P Holley (7)
7	1PP0	KING'S JUG 17 (D,G,S) F Gray 10-10-0	P Corrigan
9	FP41	BOLD ACCLAIM 13 (F,S) J Joseph 7-10-0 (5ex)	R Goldstein
11	330F	WOODLAND VIEW 21 (CD,F,G,S) P J Jones 9-10-0	M Kinane
12	U-P0	SEVERN SOUND 14 (F,G) J M Bradley 10-10-0	G Davies
18	0U0P	MORE ONE WAY 25 (D,G,S) R Parker 7-10-0	M Furlong
19	4443	MAITREDEE 25 (CD,F,S) R Gow 9-10-0	M Perrett
21	00PU	STRAIGHT LINE 3 (F,G,S) N Wheeler 15-10-0	Mr N Wheeler

9-4 Garfunkel, 7-2 Lector, 5-1 Bold Acclaim, 6-1 Woodland View, 7-1 Wily Yeoman, 12-1 Maitredee, 16-1 others.

3.15 LEWES SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£789: 2m) (13)

1	0U04	FOUR FOR UNCLE 25 (B,D,F,G) I Campbell 6-11-10	R Campbell
4	0-00	CATS LULLABY 8 S Dow 6-11-5	R Guest
5	0000	ALL INTENT 25 G Thorner 6-11-4	J White
6	0U42	ROBERT FROST 25 (V,CD,G) G Gracey 6-11-4	D Gallagher
7	0-00	ALCEBA 25F H O'Neill 5-11-3	G McCourt
9	0004	OH FATHER 45 (B) J Jenkins 6-11-0	S Sherwood
10	0020	SILVER CANNON 11F (BF) R Voorspuy 6-10-13	M Furlong
11	0003	REPETITIVE 178 (B,D,F) R O'Sullivan 5-10-12	M Kinane
13	P-40	MR SAVVAS 133 C Chartet 5-10-12	N Kobler (7)
15	0441	*LOOSE RUCK 4 (D,F) J Pearce 4-11-3 (6ex)*	J McLaughlin
16	0000	SCOTCH HALL 17 W Kemp 6-10-9	Mr S McKeever (7)
17	0000	CALYPSO KID 59 H O'Neill 4-10-9	G McCourt
19	0003	MISS BRANTRIDGE 25 (CD,F) A Moore 6-10-9	Candy Moore (4)

5-2 Loose Ruck, 7-2 Robert Frost, 5-1 Oh Father, 6-1 Repetitive, 8-1 Miss Brantridge, Silver Cannon, 10-1 others.

3.45 ALFRED McALPINE HOMES MAIDEN CHASE (£2,068: 2m) (13)

1	F240	BREAKFAST CAR 17 D Grissell 6-11-3	R Goldstein
2	-PP0	CAROL'S MUSIC 11 (B) A James 7-11-3	J Bryan
4	0P0F	E ZOE MOU 8 (V) P Butler 7-11-3	K Burke
5	2/F	GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS 11 P J Jones 10-11-3	M Kinane
6	2PF4	*JAY-ZEE BOY 11 J M Bradley 6-11-3*	*G Davies*
8	300F	LAURENBEL 11 N Mitchell 7-11-3	Mr T Mitchell (7)
9	2/3-	ORYX MAJOR 629 K Wingrove 8-11-3	W Worthington
11	4000	PRUDENT MATCH 52 H O'Neill 9-11-3	G McCourt
15	0F00	STAMPY 8 J Bridger 7-11-3	M Perrett
16	F0FP	TOUCH OF RHYTHM 198 P Butler 7-11-3	K Burke
17	P3PP	GLENBANE LADY 25 R Parker 7-10-12	J Akehurst
18	P	MANHATTANINSPRING 25 J Ffitch-Heyes 8-10-12	Penny Ffitch-Heyes (4)
20	00U0	SOLSTICE BELL 8 (B) R Voorspuy 6-10-12	M Furlong

3-1 Breakfast Car, 7-2 Oryx Major, 5-1 Prudent Match, 6-1 Jay-Zee Boy, 8-1 Solstice Bell, 12-1 others.

4.15 MARLEY ROOF TILE NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,258: 3m 1f)(10)

1	P02F	LOCKNER LAD 30 (S) R Parker 8-11-10	M Furlong
7	0023	WORDEL 8 Mrs R Murdoch 10-10-13	R Goldstein
8	P0PF	BOLD GRENADIER 38 (B) B Smart 7-10-10	R Dunwoody
9	F00U	RHYME 21 (S) M Tory 8-10-8	—
12	030F	PUSHARDA 27 (B) M Robinson 5-10-4	J White
13	-FPP	NIGHT ATTACK 45 (B) J Elliott 12-10-3	Mrs C Elliott
15	-0UPP	PLAIN JIM 8 P Butler 11-10-3	K Burke
17	00P0	ROSA RULER 13 (F) I Wardle 10-10-3	R Rowe
20	-00P	DENSLADS 13 P Hedger 6-10-3	M Richards
21	P000	BACHELOR OF LAW 14 Mrs W Fullerton 7-10-3	G Old

2-1 Wordel, 7-2 Lockner Lad, 5-1 Rhyme, 6-1 Pusharda, 10-1 Bachelor Of Law, Rosa Ruler, 12-1 others.

4.45 QUILTER GOODISON COMPANY HANDICAP HURDLE(Amateurs: £1,532: 2m 4f)(18)

5	P302	MR CARACTACUS 8 (CD,F) G Gracey 7-11-10	—
8	0422	GUESSING 3 (B,BF) P Mitchell 5-11-6	D Barneyworth (7)
10	FF00	RIVERSIDE DRIVE 3 (CD,F) D Grissell 9-11-5	Mrs D Grissell (4)
12	40F0	MANHATTAN BOY 25 (C,F,G,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 6-11-4	T Grantham
15	0420	KINGSWOOD RESOPAL 13 (B,F) A Moore 4-11-0	Miss S Lawrence (7)
17	000P	DOMINATE 41 (F) A Gonsalves 7-10-11	D Tosdevin
18	F-00	ZACCIO 265 (CD,F,G) S Dow 10-10-11	A Knight (7)
19	-300	BLACK SHEEP 132 (G) R Armytage 11-10-10	Miss S Wilson (7)
21	PP0P	MARINERS DREAM 16 (F,S) N Mitchell 7-10-7	*Mrs A Davis (7)*
22	0400	TAXIADS 8 (S) R Curtis 6-10-7	—
23	4-00	ALLADO 172 (C,F,G) A Neaves 12-10-6	Mr S McKeever (7)
30	3-F0	RAJA KHAN 13 K Wingrove 7-10-0	Mrs J Gault (7)
31	0P00	END OF ERA 8 (B,CD,F,G,S) J Long 10-10-0	J Poulton (7)
32	*00P0*	*ZIPARIB 42 (B,S) J Elliott 10-10-0*	*C Pearson (7)*
33	0PP0	KALIMPONG 25 Mrs P Townsley 6-10-0	P Townsley (7)
34	-000	NERO WOLF 25 (G,S) R Juckes 11-10-0	Miss E Keegan (7)
35	0RP0	TROJAN GOD 178 (C,F,S) Miss S Bather 8-10-0	C Campbell (7)
36	*0/P-*	SPECIAL ENVOY 345 K Wingrove 7-10-0	N Bell (7)

9-2 Guessing, 5-1 Mr Caractacus, 6-1 Kingswood Resopal, 7-1 Black Sheep, 8-1 Zaccio, 10-1 Riverside Drive, 12-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: R Akehurst, 10 winners from 36 runners, 27.8%; I Wardle, 4 from 15, 26.7%; P Jones, 6 from 25, 24.0%; R Gow, 5 from 22, 22.7%; R O'Sullivan, 6 from 32, 18.8%; J Jenkins, 11 from 62, 17.7%.

JOCKEYS: R Guest, 3 winners from 11 rides, 27.3%; D Gallagher, 4 from 16, 25.0%; M Kinane, 9 from 48, 18.8%; Dale McKeown, 9 from 48, 18.8%; R Campbell, 4 from 22, 18.2%; S Sherwood, 9 from 51, 17.6%.

TAUNTON

Selections

By Mandarin

5.45 Elegant Isle. 6.15 Mamamere. 6.45 Super Spark. 7.15 Guymyson. 7.45 Sanber. 8.15 Master Barn.

Brian Beel's selection: 7.45 Mermaids Daughter.

Going: hard

5.45 SOUTH WEST RACING CLUB NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £700: 2m 1f) (11 runners)

13	0413	ELEGANT ISLE 25 (G) M Pipe 11-7	P Scudamore
14	000	FORT WAPPING 14 (B) F Walwyn 11-0	K Mooney
17		*HIGHLY PLEASED 11F H Beasley 11-0*	*J Brown (7)*
18	0000	ICARUS 22F D R Tucker 11-0	A Gorman
19	00	LATE SESSION 10 R Holder 11-0	N Coleman
21	P0PP	OCKY'S FLIER 54 (B) N Kernick 11-0	M Yeoman
25	0400	STREETFIGHTER 21 (BF) J Baker 11-0	M Williams
31		INDOMITABLE W G Turner 10-9	Tracy Turner
32	0	MASCALLS DREAM 14 A Chamberlain 10-9	*Lorna Vincent*
34	0240	TANGALOOMA 13 (BF) Mrs M Rimell 10-9	D Browne
35		TREWITHIEN D Barons 10-9	P Nicholls

5-4 Elegant Isle, 2-1 Tangalooma, 4-1 Streetfighter, 12-1 Trewithien, 14-1 Fort Wapping, 20-1 others.

6.15 MOTORWAY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£600: 2m 1f) (9)

2	0000	SALICHCO 21 (B) P Hobbs 5-11-10	Peter Hobbs
6	00P0	OBEE FAST 13 (D) D C Tucker 4-11-6	—
7	0012	*MAMAMERE 15 (D,G) S Cole 4-11-5*	*R Bellamy (7)*
9	0020	RUPERT'S DAUGHTER 15 M Eckley 5-11-4	D Tegg (4)
11	-PPP	HERNE MISS MADAM 10 C Luxton 5-11-3	R Millman
13	000-	ST JAMES'S RISK 379 F Jordan 5-11-3	C Smith
15	PP0	ALMOST AMERICA 100 A Barrow 5-11-3	B Powell
17	-P00	TREMENDOUS JET 20 (V) D Jermy 5-11-3	A Dicks (7)
20	0P00	*SMITHY'S GIRL 10 N Ayliffe 5-11-3*	*M Ayliffe*

6-4 Mamamere, 2-1 Rupert's Daughter, 5-1 Salichco, 10-1 Almost America, 14-1 Obee Fast, 16-1 others.

6.45 PETER BLACKBURN MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY NOVICES' CHASE (£2,500: 2m 150yd) (7)

2	4411	DONAVAN'S CHOICE 15 (B,CD,F,S) C Popham 6-12-0	B Powell
7	F20P	MEMBER'S ONLY 171 (F) M Pipe 7-11-10	P Scudamore
8	3210	*MR SEAGULL 21 (F,S) Mrs S Hembrow 10-11-10*	P Holley (7)
9	2-13	SUPER SPARK 169 (BF,G,S) S Christian 9-11-10	S Shilston
19	-3PP	LEG UP 119 Mrs J Wonnacott 9-11-4	D Wonnacott
23		HAPPY WONDER G Ham 6-10-13	S McNeill
26	0PPU	TOM'S LITTLE WILL 25 (B) W R Williams 5-10-10	*R Dennis*

2-1 Super Spark, 5-2 Donavan's Choice, 4-1 Mr Seagull, 8-1 Member's Only, 20-1 others.

7.15 HUMBERTS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,400: 2m 1f) (7)

5	*0210*	*GUYMYSON 6 (CD,F) M Pipe 5-12-2 (7ex)*	P Scudamore
7	00P2	ARBITRAGE 3F (CD,S) B Forsey 7-11-10	P Croucher
13	F000	TIGHT TURN 10 (C,D,F,G,S) R Frost 9-11-0	J Frost
14	0U0P	CORAL HARBOUR 24 (C,F,G) I Wardle 6-11-0	M Williams
18	PP0P	SNOWY PEARL 10 (V,S) J Roberts 7-10-8	L Harvey
21	0003	BABY SIGH 15 (G) G Stickland 6-10-5	Mr S Stickland
23	0113	ALDINGTON BELL 231 (BF,F) C Trietline 5-10-3	—

4-5 Guymyson, 11-4 Arbitrage, 6-1 Tight Turn, 10-1 Baby Sigh, Aldington Bell, 12-1 others.

7.45 MITFORD-SLADE CHALLENGE TROPHY HUNTERS CHASE (*Amateurs: £1,200: 3m) (12)*

3	/0P-	LINPAC NORTH 403 (C,F,G,S) Mrs J Retter 13-12-7	Mrs J Retter (7)
4	0-P3	POLAR EXPRESS 23 (D,F,G,S) Mrs E Terrall 13-12-7	P Verling (4)
6	0-00	SOINTULLA BOY 25 (D,F,G,S) D Houlbrooke 13-12-7	T Houlbrooke (7)
7	PPF-	MONKTON RILL 438 (S) P Dufosee 9-12-2	Mr J Dufosee (7)
8	2112	SANBER 24 (BF,D,F,G,S) R Winslade 10-12-2	Miss V Williams (7)
10	0-0	ACTION MAN 20 P Doggrell 7-12-0	M Doggrell (7)
12	3332	DAVIDS TOWER 575 (S) Miss T Godwin 8-12-0	—
15		ROSCOE SPATE (-) 6-12-0	C Spate (7)
16	30/F	*ROYAL CASINO 57 (F,S) A Sendell 11-12-0*	P MacEwan (7)
17	PFP-	STORIES GOLD 357 P West 10-12-0	S West (7)
18		LOVE GIRL 425 H Handel 12-11-9	Miss H Handel (7)
19		MERMAIDS DAUGHTER R Nuttall 11-11-9	R Nuttall (7)

11-10 Sanber, 3-1 Royal Casino, 6-1 Monkton Rill, 8-1 Mermaids Daughter, 10-1 Stories Gold, 14-1 others.

8.15 APRIL NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£600: 2m 1f) (13)

1	21U0	HARRISON 8 (B,CD,G,S) M Pipe 5-11-13	P Scudamore
4	3001	LIZZY LONGSTOCKING 15 (CD,F) Mrs J Wonnacott 6-10-12 (5ex)	D Wonnacott
5	0003	SMARTIE EXPRESS 27 R Hodges 6-10-9	—
9	00P0	KOKOSCHKA 14 (B) G Roe 6-10-4	P McDermott (7)
11	-021	MASTER BARN 3 (F) R Frost 8-10-8 (5ex)	J Frost
13	02-3	HIGH WARRIOR 15 (B) C Popham 5-10-2	B Powell
17	-000	GERYON 219 L Waring 7-10-0	—
21	/0FP	MARKET RUN 42 R Hannon 8-10-0	P Corrigan
22	*0040*	*COURT APPEAL 9 A South 6-10-0*	—
23	-U00	QUICKEN THE BID 11 K Bishop 5-10-0	S Earle
26	0P0P	DUNARUNNA 23 B Forsey 7-10-0	P Croucher
28	00P0	ROSI NOA 69 D Jermy 5-10-0	R Dennis
31	-PP0	HOLBROOKE TOWER 32 J Baker 6-10-0	M Williams

9-4 Master Barn, 3-1 High Warrior, 9-2 Lizzy Longstocking, 6-1 Harrison, 8-1 Smartie Express, 12-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: R Holder, 12 winners from 44 runners, 27.3%; M Pipe, 28 from 132, 21.2%; J Roberts, 5 from 26, 19.2%; B Forsey, 5 from 40, 12.5%; K Bishop, 5 from 44, 11.4%; J H Baker, 4 from 35, 11.4%.

JOCKEYS: P Scudamore, 8 winners from 35, 22.9%; P Croucher, 5 from 26, 19.2%, B Powell, 14 from 123, 11.4% (Only qualifiers).

● Champagne Lanson, with support from Trusthouse Forte, are sponsoring the women's amateur riders' championship *on the Flat this* season. The contest will be based on 15 points for a winner, five for a second, three for a third, and two for a fourth.

Results from two meetings

Newmarket

Going: good

2.0 (1m 1f) 1, NAIL DON (Pat Eddery, 25-1); 2, House Of Commons (M Roberts, 6-1); 3, Spring Creek Road (R Cochrane, 15-8). ALSO RAN: 4-5 fav Shehiyr (4th). 4 ran. ¾l, 6l, 3l. R Hannon at Marlborough. Tote: £12.60. DF: £24.90. CSF: £110.03. 1min 56.08sec.

2.30 (1m) 1, POLAR GAP (R Cochrane, 15-8 fav); 2, Busted Rock (T Ives, 14-1); 3, Crossed Swords (W R Swinburn, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Allen's Alydar, 11 Flyaway, 14 Dwell (5th), 16 Falco (4th), 20 Le Cygne, 25 Mulunar (6th), Mighty Falcon, Milieu, Rocksavage, 50 Chabichou, Correct Fact, Lord Vanity, Right Step, Tajroba, Ugandan Affairs, Mirage, Poffie. 20 ran. 5l, nk, nk, ½l, 2½l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £2.90; £1.50, £5.70, £1.60. DF: £31.20. CSF: £27.84. 1min 41.05sec.

3.0 (1m 2f) 1, LA VIE EN PRIMROSE (M Roberts, 33-1); 2, Intimate Guest (S Cauthen, 7-4 jt-fav); 3, Aal (Pat Eddery, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 jt-fav Haiati (5th), 6 Serene Nemesia, 33 Only For Eve (6th), Serene Monarch (4th). 7 ran. NR: Divine Law. Nk, nk, 4l, 2½l, ¾l. C Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £32.70; £7.30, £1.40. DF: £20.90. CSF: £83.59. 2min 10.91sec.

3.40 GENERAL ACCIDENT 1,000 GUINEAS STAKES
See above

4.15 (6f) 1, FOOLISH TOUCH (A Mackay, 8-1); 2, Master Pokey (M Roberts, 7-2 fav); 3, Wantage Park (R Cochrane, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Luna Bid (6th), Mardon Melody, 12 Cragside, 14 Father Time, Mukhabbr, 16 Pushoff, Spitzabit (5th), 20 Derwent Valley (4th), Gilberto, Malou, Nafuat, 25 Beechwood Cottage. 15 ran. Nk, ¾l, 1½l, 1½l, 1½l. W Musson at Newmarket. Tote: £12.00; £3.60, £1.60, £9.70. DF: £21.60. CSF: £31.18. Tricast: £528.77. Softly Spoken (12-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 5p in pound. 1min 14.95secs.

4.50 (2m) 1, TOM SHARP (A Mackay, 10-1); 2, San Street (M Roberts, 100-30 fav); 3, Insular (T Ives, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Grey Salute (6th), 6 In Dreams (5th), 13-2 Faux Pavilion, 7 Sneak Preview, 10 Sterne, 11 Harlestone Lake (4th). 9 ran. NR: Lie In Wait. 10l, 5l, ¾l, hd, 20l. J Wharton at Melton Mowbray. Tote: £15.20; £3.20, £1.60, £3.50. DF: £14.80. CSF: £40.71. Tricast: £428.47. 3min 33.09sec.

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Jackpot: not won (pool of £6,332.40 carried forward to Newmarket today). Placepot: £350-60.

Hereford

Going: firm

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, Royal Treaty (G McCourt, 7-4 fav); 2, Spring Wigeon (A Carroll, 9-4); 3, The Batchlor (A O'Hagen, 66-1). 9 ran. NR: Skoda. 30l, 20l. M McCourt. Tote: £2.70; £1.20, £1.60. £37.90. DF: £3.80. CSF: £5.89. Bought in 3,800gns.

2.45 (2m 3f hdle) 1, Divine Charger (D Browne, 5-2); 2, Highland Bounty (R Guest, 11-2); 3, By The Fireside (S Knight, 10-11 fav). 9 ran. ¾l, 1l. Mrs M Rimell. Tote: £4.40; £1.40, £1.60, £1.40. DF: £9.50. CSF: £15.59.

3.15 (3m 1f hdle) 1, Notta Popsi (A Webb, 25-1); 2, Super Express (P Nicholls, 6-1 fav); 3, Mzima Spring (R Millman, 7-1); 4, Cygnets Best (P Harley, 8-1). 16 ran. NR: Celtic Cygnet. 2l, 2l. J Spearing. Tote: £32.20; £2.00, £1.60, £1.80, £1.90. DF (*winner or second with any other*): £2.50. CSF: £158.88. Tricast: £1,082.19.

3.45 (3m 1f ch) 1, Larry-O (B de Haan, 13-2); 2, Lunedale (K Mooney, 2-1); 3, Bright Morning (R Millman, 15-2). 9 ran. 2l, ½l. F Winter. Tote: £5.20; £1.80, £1.70, £1.40. DF: £5.10. CSF: £18.59. Tricast: £89.769.

4.20 (2m 3f ch) 1, Nodalotte (Gee Armytage, 5-1); 2, Gloiming (H Davies, 14-1); 3, Kamag (P Johnson, 7-1). Soulful Strut 13-8 fav. 14 ran. NR: Lor Moss, Mountain Mear. 2l, 1½l. J Spearing. Tote: £6.30; £2.70, £4.00, £1.90. DF: £41.20. CSF: £82.35. Tricast: £435.86.

4.55 (3m 1f ch) 1, Poker Classic (Mr J Greenall, 5-2); 2, Ron Canello (Mr T Rooney, 8-1); 3, Rimfire (Mr R Bevan, 11-1). Ellogerty 4-6 fav. 6 ran. NR: Sidbury Hill. Hd, 7l. J Greenall. Tote: £3.00; £1.50, £2.60. DF: £11.00. CSF: £19.24.

5.25 (2m flat) 1, Auction Law (N Hawke, Evens fav); 2, Jeassu (S Cowley, 16-1); 3, Belsprit Lady (D Leahy, 12-1). 20 ran. 4l, 1l. D Barons. Tote: £2.70; £1.40, £3.20, £4.20. DF: £14.10. CSF: £19.84.

Placepot: £92.70.

● Alcester trainer John Spearing landed a 155-1 double, his first of the season, with Notta Popsi and Nodalotte at *Hereford* yesterday. Notta Popsi was ridden by Allen Webb and Nodalotte by Gee Armytage.

O'Dwyer's luck turns on Doubtful Venture

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

The substitution by Paddy Mullins of Conor O'Dwyer for Peter Kavanagh on Doubtful Venture in yesterday's Punchestown Festival Handicap Chase brought about a long overdue change of luck for O'Dwyer.

He was out of action for the greater part of last season after a car crash and up to a few days ago had not managed to ride a single winner this year.

On the face of it, it was difficult to make a case for Doubtful Venture as the 12-*year-old had struggled to win an* Ir£100 open lightweight race at the Enfield point-to-point last week.

Here he demonstrated how *hard it is to win a point-to-point* by running away with this handicap, which had a value of Ir£25,000.

In his younger days Doubtful Venture had won the Kerry Nation and O'Dwyer had him disputing the lead from the start with Lucisis. Four fences from *home the pair were 15 lengths* clear and with Lucisis starting to tire soon afterwards Doubtful Venture turned into the straight with an unassailable lead.

There was one runner in the line-up of even more advanced years, Royal Bond, and he alone gave pursuit but was 10 lengths adrift at the winning post.

Mullins has long enjoyed the reputation of being a "handicap wizard" but rarely has he provided greater justification for the nickname than with this astonishing performance.

Earlier in the afternoon the English challenger Wahiba had started favourite for the Guinness Trophy Champion Four-Year-Old Hurdle but he was struggling a long way out.

Victory went to the Dermot Weld-trained Allen's Mistake, in the hands of Brendan Sheridan, who was gambled on down to 5-1.

For Weld this was the second big jumping winner this month

Mick Cleary talks to Shaun Edwards, a Rugby League player who has fulfilled his boyhood dream

Birthday investment pays rich dividends

Final instalment: Shaun Edwards, of Wigan, is looking forward to playing Halifax

Wigan Rugby League Club was as delighted to provide Shaun Edwards with a birthday present of £35,000 as he was to receive it.

For the benefactors, Edwards, then aged 17, was one of the first pieces of the jigsaw which the club were meticulously putting together. As the final part slotted into place, three years later, so the much-desired success followed with the championship last season, and then victory over Australian side, Manly, last October to become inaugural world club champions.

Instalment three of the grand scheme is scheduled for this Saturday when Wigan meet Halifax at Wembley in the final of the Challenge Cup.

For his part, Edwards fulfilled a boyhood dream of playing for his home town.,"I could have picked up even more money," he said. "But Wigan is where I was born and bred, and that means a lot to me. There'll be people cashing in their last three months of Giros to get down to Wembley on Saturday just because it gives them something to hang on to in their lives. I grew up amidst all this so I feel some sort of responsibility towards them all."

He has never once reneged on that commitment since he signed four years ago. He is an intense, disciplined character, for whom the game is everything. Playing professional sport was an inevitable step for Edwards.

Such was his precocious talent that he captained England under-16 schoolboys at both league and union in the same season, the latter on the strength of barely half a dozen games. "I didn't even know the rules," he recalls.

In whatever activity on the sports field — at 400 metre running, a winger in soccer, or as a centre or stand-off half in either code of rugby — Edwards demonstrated power, pace, and panache, qualities which, if the league silver shilling had not come his way, or more pertinently if he had been born south of Watford Gap, would surely have graced the Twickenham stage during its last few years.

Heritage, as much as the healthy bank balance, very much held sway in his preference for the 13-a-side game. His father, Jack, now 48, was an outstanding talent of the early 60s as a scrum half with Warrington until a spinal injury ended his career at the age of 24. He hasn't worked since.

By inclination too, Shaun relishes all the League has to offer. "There's no other sport like it, especially for the experience of physical contact," he said. "The intensity of it all gives you an enórmous buzz. Only boxing can approach it for sustained involvement, but even there you get breaks between rounds. But it's much more than the clichéd head-bangers stuff.

"It's all about athleticism, dexterity, and subtlety as well. Handling a ball at top speed and under extreme pressure is no easy matter. Moreover throughout the game you've got to be constantly aware of all the different options available. We spent hours in training going through the whole choreography of moves. So even though it's ferocious for 80 minutes non-stop, you've got to have a cool head to see your way through."

The supposition that Shaun Edwards has kept his cool better than most is borne out by the catalogue of landmarks he has already passed. At 17, he was the youngest player to appear in a cup final. This Saturday he'll be the youngest captain in a cup final. In 1985, at the age of 18, he became the youngest player to appear in a Test for Great Britain.

He already has a wise old head on young shoulders, and one which takes the game, and life, very seriously.

Shortly after Wigan had been dumped out of the Premiership by Warrington last Sunday, his self-reproach and deep dejection were obvious.

"I detest losing," he said, still red-faced and sweat-streaked from his exertions. "Perhaps it'll shake off some of our complacency for Wembley. It's so important to do yourself justice there of all places."

Success is all he craves, perhaps as some sort of atonement for the blighted career of his father. Shaun accepts that the risk of injury is intrinsic to the game. There's no safeguard against misfortune on the field, so off the field, as some sort of insurance, he's just started to capitalize on all the commercial possibilities of a sporting success. "Money is important of course, because a career can be as short as the next tackle. But it's not money that makes you put your head into that tackle: it's something deep inside,"he said.

Whatever the outcome on Saturday, Shaun Edwards's commitment and concern will ensure that the money of the travelling thousands will be money well spent.

Williams left out of tour squad

Peter Williams, the former Orrell and England half back, will not after all be going on Great Britain's tour of Australasia. The Great Britain coach, Malcolm Reilly, has decided that Williams, despite five tries in five games for Salford, is not ready for the rigours of such a tour and the Halifax and former Leeds utility back, Ian Wilkinson, takes his place.

The Wigan and New Zealand forward, Adrian Shelford, yesterday had the threat of suspension lifted and he will play in Saturday's Silk Cut Challenge Cup final against Halifax at Wembley. Shelford appeared before the disciplinary committee in Leeds after being sent to the sin-bin for the third time this season in last Sunday's game against Warrington.

GOLF

Fairways full of fruit for Cooper

From Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent
Quinta do Lago

Derrick Cooper had covered his expenses for the week before he set foot on the Quinta do Lago course for the first round of the Portuguese Open here yesterday.

In his pocket was a cheque for £1,000 from Titleist, whose ball he used to win the Madrid Open last Sunday and another for £375 which was his reward for winning the curtain-raising pro-am on Wednesday.

That, of course, does not include the £33,330 he earned in Madrid and a similar cheque could be his if he wins here. That is entirely probable following his first round of 68.

Two weeks ago such riches were little more than a dream. His best performance in nine years on the European tour was a share of fourth place in the Glasgow Open. Then came his maiden victory in Madrid and suddenly, the fairways are bearing the lucrative fruit that the likeable Cooper, aged 32, from Birchwood, Warrington, deserves to extract from them.

"It's all so different," he said. "The game is more enjoyable. You smile if you make a bogey and you don't get upset. But for winning in Madrid I would not have been in the pro-am so it only goes to show what a difference a week can make."

In essence that is an understatement. Cooper's patience has been examined over the years and his confidence shredded during a chequered career punctuated by 14 months of torture in the United States.

"I was invited there by a businessman with big ideas," he explained. "But it was all work and no play. I spent 10 hours each day on the practice range and only two days a week playing on the course. It was head banging stuff and I came home with my game in tatters and my bank balance in much the same state."

Bob Torrance, the professional father of Sam Torrance, remodelled Cooper's swing and Jungheinrich, a West German fork-lift company, eased his financial situation by sponsoring him. Cooper, on the threshold of quitting, returned to the qualifying school, regained his playing privileges and revitalised his life.

The Madrid Open brought the dramatic U-turn in his fortunes —he had previously earned only £76,000 in eight European seasons — and he remained in the groove here with the assistance of six birdies. Cooper chipped in for the first of those and he also coaxed in two putts of no less than 30 feet.

Success, of course, breeds confidence. Sam Torrance, suffering from the yips, missed five putts of inside six feet, although he still managed a 71.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES (GB unless stated): 68: D Cooper, B Malley (US). 69: I Roberts (Aus), E Darcy (Ire), D Ray, D Gilford, P Harrison, J Rystrom (Swe), J Bland (SA), G Levenson (SA). 70: J Parnevik (Swe), D Smyth, M James, C Mason. 71: J Rutledge (Can), S Torrance, R Rafferty, R Chapman, R Hartman (US), B Marchbank, P Fowler (Aus). 72: G Turner, D Williams, C O'Connor jnr (Ire), R Davis (Aus), S Tinning (Den), C Montgomerie, P Mitchell, A Chandler, J Bennett, E Rodriguez (Sp), A Johnson (Zim).

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	451	4	10	429	4
2	209	3	11	550	5
3	506	5	12	425	4
4	357	4	13	188	3
5	421	4	14	551	5
6	220	3	15	385	4
7	409	4	16	200	3
8	561	4	17	428	4
9	454	4	18	390	4
Out	3,588	36	In	3,541	36

Total yardage: 7,129 Par: 72

Taya puts family ties aside

By Patricia Davies

Marie-Laure de Lorenzi de Taya's family is the most important thing in her life but she forgot her maternal instincts long enough to shoot a 69 in the second round of the Ford Ladies Classic at Woburn yesterday and move into the lead. Her total 142, eight under par, left her two strokes ahead of Michelle Walker, the first-round leader, and four ahead of Corinne Dibnah, the Australian who was runner-up here last year.

Taya, a French Basque married to a Spaniard and resident in Barcelona, played 17 holes of immaculate golf on a cold, damp morning that seeped into the bones of most of the rest of the field but did not seem to inhibit the long, free flowing swing of the tall French woman until the last hole. With seven birdies under her belt and a nine-iron in her hand, she made a mess of her second shot, then left her pitch well short of the hole and took two putts to drop her one shot of the day.

Taya, who was sixth on the order of merit last year, is aiming for the top in this, her second year. But while she had the support of her husband Román as caddy, the difficulty is that Laura, their three-year-old daughter has to be left at home. "I don't think of anything but golf when I'm on the course," Taya said, "but the rest of the time I do miss my daughter."

A rather larger Laura, one Davies by name, took on the role of bookmaker to assert that Taya, a good front runner, was now 5-4 to take the title. Davies rather generously quoted herself at 12-1 but is only six shots behind despite an erratic 76.

LEADING SCORES: (GB or Ire unless stated): 142: M de Taya (Fr). 144: M Walker. 146: C Dibnah (Aus). 147: F Conley (US); C Panton. 148: A Sheard (SA); L Davies. 149: D Reid; S Strudwick; [illegible] Abitbol (Sp); D Heinicke (US). 150: [illegible] Marvin; D Barnard; J Romsey. 152: G Stewart; M Garner; K Lunn (Aus); A Jones (Aus); B New; B Helbig (WG); M Thomas [illegible] K Espinasse (Fr); A Nicholas; L Maritz (SA).

CRICKET: AGNEW TAKES ADVANTAGE OF A GREEN WICKET AT GRACE RO/AD AND TAKES SIX WICKETS IN FRONT OF MICKY STEWART

Day of sparring ends evenly on lifeless Bristol track

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

BRISTOL (Gloucestershire won the toss): Sussex have scored 284 for seven against Gloucestershire

There is an infectious mood of self-belief about the Gloucestershire team at present and they will be far from dispirited by their position here. Sussex, although cheered by a victory in their opening match, could never quite capitalize on enviable batting conditions and Graveney's three wickets in an unchanged 26 overs of left-arm spin have opened the way for positive batting to take command today.

Gloucestershire won their first match in spite of the British pitch, rather than because of it, and this one is similarly slow and flat. It looks green, which might have helped persuade Graveney to insert Sussex, but the colour is illusory: from the initial overs when the ball was hardly carrying to the wicketkeeper on the full, its character was plain.

Few counties are better equipped than Gloucestershire in bowling resources. Jarvis and Thomas, two of their close-season recruits, are not yet able to break into the side, yet they still include four seam bowlers and two contrasting spinners. With Curran crucially fit enough, after back trouble, to contribute as a bowler, they are impressively well-balanced, and if they can win on pitches as bland as this one, they will be genuine title aspirants.

With that said, Sussex have so far done little to encourage them. Towards the end of last season Sussex were in despair. Both in performances and morale they could hardly have plunged any lower. The temptation at such times is usually to blame the captain; Sussex fell for it. In truth, of course, it was not all the fault of Gould, but hindsight may reveal that he is better suited to duties in the ranks. Parker, his successor, admits he has enjoyed a better start than he could logically have hoped for, and the spirit is undoubtedly high even if reserve strength is thin.

The morning session was one of sparring. Alderman probed away around off-stump, Lawrence tried to prove he has not lost hostility by shortening his run-up, and the Sussex openers entrenched themselves with the fourth day in mind. Twenty-five overs had yielded 45 runs when Green was leg before, half forward to Curran. The innings stepped up a gear while Parker was batting, but Curran found a good one for him, nipping back off the seam to take bat and pad.

Alikhan had an eventful morning. Lawrence twice hit him on the helmet with short balls which failed to rise, whereupon he shed his head gear, presumably on the theory that it concentrates the mind to be unprotected. As a theory it was flop — a few overs later, Lawrence hit him on the head again. He did survive 50 overs for his 46, however, before playing no shot to a ball from Alderman which cut back and kept low.

The Wells brothers will both have been remorseful at sacrificing a lot of ground work with careless shots against Graveney. Colin had progressed positively to 33 when he mistimed a sweep; his younger brother, Alan, was on 69 and apparently bound for a century when he inexplicably lifted his head and drove the spinner to extra cover.

Gould was his customary perky self until Alderman angled one across his body, Athey taking the slip catch. Lenham was then defeated by slow turn and Sussex ended the day as introspectively as they had begun it.

SUSSEX

R Alikhan lbw b Alderman	46
A M Green lbw b Curran	18
*P W G Parker c Wright b Curran	18
A P Wells c Stovold b Graveney	69
C M Wells c Alleyne b Graveney	33
N J Lenham c Lloyds b Graveney	32
†I J Gould c Athey b Alderman	20
M N Pringle not out	23
A R Clarke not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 9, nb 12)	25
Total (7 wkts)	284

After 100 overs: 259-6.

R A Bunting and A M Babington to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-81, 3-134, 4-186, 5-229, 6-254, 7-278.

GLOUCESTER: A W Stovold, A J Wright, M W Alleyne, C W J Athey, P Bainbridge, K M Curran, J W Lloyds, *D A Graveney, D V Lawrence, T M Alderman, †A J Brassington.

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 2, Sussex 3.

Umpires: B D Dudleston and R Palmer.

Soviet on target

Moscow (AFP) — Lessia Chakh, of the Soviet Union, has set a world record in 60-metre archery by scoring 342 points during the Soviet championships.

Cup final allocation in dispute

By Alan Lee

Counties are in dispute over a renewed attempt to reduce the allocation of Benson and Hedges Cup final tickets to the participating clubs.

An attempt to cut the allocation to the finalists from 4,000 to 3,000 failed at the spring meeting of the Test and County Cricket Board. Now, a special meeting of the board has been convened for May 13 at the request of six counties, who propose that the finalists should each receive 3,500 tickets.

The issue has arisen through the MCC's first-come first-served policy on issuing tickets, which has this year left a number of counties without any at all for their members. Opposition to the cuts for finalists, however, will come from the best supported clubs, such as Yorkshire and Lancashire, who already find 4,000 inadequate.

● The former Kent batsman, Derek Aslett, released at the end of last season, is considering an offer to play in the Minor Counties championship for Dorset.

Aslett, aged 30, scored more than 6,000 runs and hit 12 centuries in a career spanning seven years with Kent. Aslett is keen to join Dorset but his signing depends on the county obtaining sponsorship for the Dover antiques dealer.

Dorset have already signed Mark Davis, the 26-year-old fast bowler discarded by Somerset. Davis took 149 wickets for Somerset.

● Hampshire County Cricket Club have awarded a testimonial to their former all-rounder Mike Taylor — eight years after he finished playing for them.

Taylor retired in 1980 after eight seasons with Hampshire and following a spell as assistant secretary is now the county's marketing manager. Hampshire do not have a beneficiary next year and have decided to reward Taylor, aged 44, for his many years of service.

He will not have a benefit match as most players do

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Worcester v Notts

WORCESTER (Nottinghamshire won toss): Nottinghamshire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 277 runs behind Worcestershire

WORCESTER: Fisrt Innings

T S Curtis c Robinson b Stephenson	34
G J Lord c Newell b Cooper	1
G A Hick c Broad b Cooper	86
D B D'Oliveira c Birch b Cooper	4
S J O'Shaughnessy b Stephenson	44
*I T Botham c and b Cooper	4
†S J Rhodes lbw b Cooper	17
P J Newport c French b Birch	33
R K Illingworth b Stephenson	9
G R Dilley lbw b Stephenson	21
N V Radford not out	28
Extras (lb 8, nb 1)	9
Total (89 overs)	290

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-120, 3-126, 4-130, 5-138, 6-162, 7-223, 8-238, 9-241.

BOWLING: Stephenson 29-7-99-4; Cooper 29-10-75-5, Saxelby 18-3-58-0; Bore 9-2-41-0; Birch 4-1-9-1.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

*R T Robinson not out	3
B C Broad not out	9
Extras (b 1)	1
Total (no wkts, 2.4 overs)	13

D W Randall, M Newell, P Johnson, F D Stephenson, †B N French, J D Birch, K Saxelby, K E Copper and M K Bore to bat.

Bonus points: Worcestershire 3, Nottinghamshire 4.

Umpires: D R Shepherd and D S Thompsett.

Kent v Hampshire

CANTERBURY: (Kent won toss) Hampshire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 189 runs behind Kent

KENT: First Innings

M R Benson c Parks b Jeffries	8
N R Taylor c Maru b Andrew	27
S G Hinks c Parks b Jeffries	34
G R Cowdrey c Parks b Andrew	0
T R Ward run out	11
*C S Cowdrey b Jeffries	48
†S A Marsh c Terry b Andrew	9
D J M Kelleher not out	43
M D Harman c Parks b Andrew	12
R P Davis c Parks b James	16
H L Alleyne lbw b Jeffries	9
Extras (lb 3, nb 10)	13
Total (85.5 overs)	230

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-56, 3-56, 4-86, 5-120, 6-144, 7-146, 8-186, 9-213.

BOWLING: Jefferies 20.5-1-80-4; Connor 14-3-46-0; Andrew 19-6-52-4; James 17-6-31-1; Maru 13-7-17-0; Nicholas 2-1-1-0.

HAMPSHIRE: First innings

V P Terry lbw b Alleyne	1
C L Smith not out	20
*M C J Nicholas not out	18
Extras (b 2)	2
Total (one wkt, 21 overs)	41

D R Turner, R A Smith, K D James, S T Jefferies, R J Maru, S J Andrew, †R J Parks and C A Connor to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-1.

Bonus points: Kent 2, Hampshire 4.

Umpires: D J Constant and D O Oslear.

Glam v Somerset

CARDIFF: (Somerset won toss) Glamorgan have scored 400 for four against Somerset

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

A R Butcher c Burns b Waugh	48
J A Hopkins c Mallender b Waugh	42
*H Morris c and b Mallender	6
M P Maynard c and b Rose	122
R J Shastri not out	138
G C Holmes not out	31
Extras (lb 1, nb 12)	13
Total (four wkts)	400

R C Ontong, S L Watkins, J G Thomas, †C P Metson and S R Barwick to bat.

After 100 overs 356-4.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-91, 2-96, 3-113, 4-329.

SOMERSET: N A Felton, *P M Roebuck, J J E Hardy, S R Waugh, R J Harden, V J Marks, †N D Burns, G D Rose, N A Mallender, A N Jones, D J Foster.

Bonus points: Glamorgan 4, Somerset 1.

Umpires: A A Jones and M J Kitchen.

Lancs v Warwicks

OLD TRAFFORD: (Warwickshire won toss) Lancashire, with three first-innings wickets in hand, are 70 runs behind Warwickshire

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

*T A Lloyd b Matthews	0
A J Moles c Simmons b Allott	0
Asif Din c Hegg b Matthews	4
A I Kallicharran lbw b Allott	1
†G W Humpage c Fowler b Matthews	4
P A Smith c Hughes b Allott	68
D A Reeve c Hughes b Watkinson	11
G C Small b Matthews	14
A T Merrick c Fowler b Folley	23
N Gifford b Simmons	12
A R K Pierson not out	13
Extras (lb 2, nb 3)	5
Total (67.5 overs)	155

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-4, 3-6, 4-6, 5-14, 6-36, 7-, 8-117, 9-131.

BOWLING: Matthews 15-3-47-4; Allott 18-6-33-3; Watkinson 18-6-37-1; Jesty 3-0-16-0; Folley 10-2-19-1; Simmons 3.5-3-0-1.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

G D Mendis c Pierson b Small	10
G Fowler c Humpage b Merrick	6
T E Jesty b Small	2
N H Fairbrother c Humpage b Merrick	0
M Watkinson b Small	19
*D P Hughes lbw b Small	13
†W K Hegg not out	12
P J W Allott c Asif Din b Merrick	15
J Simmons not out	0
Extras (lb 5, nb 3)	3
Total (seven wkts, 42 overs)	85

C D Matthews and I Folley to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-15, 3-16, 4-20, 5-55, 6-56, 7-82.

Bonus points: Lancashire 4, Warwickshire 3.

Umpires: H D Bird and N T Plews.

Camb U v Surrey

CAMBRIDGE: (Surrey won toss) Surrey, with seven first-innings wickeys in hand, have scored 310 runs against Cambridge University

SURREY

G S Clinton c Atherton b Scott	74
D M Smith c Turner b Scott	45
A J Stewart c Perry b Atherton	13
M A Lynch not out	103
D M Ward not out	53
Extras (b 8, lb 10, w 1, nb 3)	22
Total (3 wkts)	310

†C J Richards, *I A Greig, C K Bullen, K T Medlycott, M A Feltham and M Frost to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-104, 2-145, 3-157.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: P A C Ball, †R J Turner, *M A Atherton, J M Tremellen, J C M Atkinson, S J Noyes, R Bate, S D Heath, J N Perry, G A Pointer, A M G Scott.

A sterling display by Moxon

By Martin Searby

HEADINGLEY (Yorkshire won the toss): Derbyshire, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 81 runs behind Yorkshire

The Headlingley pitch, subject of much criticism, is likely to come in for more after Yorkshire, who chose to bat first, were dismissed cheaply by Derbyshire's seamers. Ten batsmen mustered 71, only Moxon, who scored eight more, appeared able to come to terms with the awkward conditions and Derbyshire, in their turn, struggled as painfully.

Barnett made some early headway, but after he was leg before runs were scarce, and 17 overs produced only 19 of them before Roberts had his off-stump knocked back as he shouldered arms to Shaw, the best of the Yorkshire bowlers.

Morris and Bowler attempted and achieved, little in the evening gloom, with Morris recklessly hooking to long leg with less than three overs remaining, and with the general consensus of those in the middle that the pitch will deteriorate, it is hard to see the match running into Monday.

Some damp from the previous two days' downpours had produced a couple of wet patches, and Holding has lost none of his appetite for such conditions. He started with a ferocious spell of seven overs from the Kirkstall Lane end, of which Metcalfe faced only four deliveries. The last was enough for him, lifting and seaming wickedly, the inevitable edge travelling to first slip.

When Malcolm, a bowler of lesser stature, replaced Holding he too found a lot of assistance, and the yorker that hit Blakey's leg stump was a beauty. Love tamely steered to the fourth of five slips maintained throughout the morning session, and already doubts were forming about the reliability of the bounce. But Robinson joined Moxon in a partnership worth 55 in 16 overs, the former flirting outside the off stump, the latter composed and totally in command of a situation that required patience and, above all, technique.

Holding's return quickly put an end to Robinson, who has the habit of remaining unperturbed while all around are agonizing as he spars, and when Bairstow, after a couple of typically lusty blows, hit a powerful backfoot slash to cover Goldsmith dived to his right to hold an extraordinary catch.

Sidebottom limply hit out and Malcolm had an untamed look about him, with the sun glinting evilly on his glasses as he raced in to destroy the tail, the last four wickets going in five overs with only three runs added.

Moxon was only four minutes away from carrying his bat through the innings, a feat only accomplished by Sutcliffe and Boycott at Headingley, and his four and a quarter hours innings illustrated the measure of his improvement this winter.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

M D Moxon c Barnett b Warner	79
A A Metcalfe c Morris b Holding	11
R J Blakey b Malcolm	4
J D Love c Holding b Malcolm	9
P E Robinson c Roberts b Holding	18
*†D L Bairstow c Goldsmith b Holding	14
A Sidebottom c Maher b Roberts	2
P W Jarvis lbw b Warner	11
P J Hartley c Maher b Malcolm	2
P A Booth c Roberts b Malcolm	0
C Shaw not out	0
Extras (b 3, lb 2, w 2, nb 4)	11
Total (70.3 overs)	161

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-30, 3-44, 4-99, 5-121, 6-126, 7-158, 8-161, 9-161.

BOWLING: Holding 15-6-23-3; Newman 15-3-34-0; Malcolm 12.3-3-36-4; Warner 19-6-35-2; Roberts 9-1-28-1.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett lbw b Jarvis	14
P D Bowler not out	27
B Roberts b Shaw	11
J E Morris c Hartley b Jarvis	19
P G Newman not out	7
Extras (lb 1, nb 1)	2
Total (three wkts, 39 overs)	80

S C Goldsmith, †B J M Maher, R J Finney, A E Warner, M A Holding and D E Malcolm to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-37, 3-72.

Bonus points: Yorkshire 2, Derbyshire 4.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and J D Bond.

Only Lamb revels on green pasture

By Ivo Tennant

GRACE ROAD (Leicestershire won the toss): Leicestershire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 106 runs behind Northamptonshire

It seemed barely conceivable at Grace Road yesterday that double hundreds had been scored these last few days: on a green, damp pitch, with the ball moving around alarmingly, only the very best of batsmen could hope to make an impression.

Northamptonshire were dismissed before tea, chiefly by Jonathan Agnew, who took six wickets.

Unless he is selected for England, this season will be Agnew's swansong in first-class cricket. The BBC is keen to take him on, for reasons which were much in evidence during a lucid interview.

He is also adept at exploiting this type of pitch which, unfortuantely for him, is not found too often in Test cricket. Still, Micky Stewart, England's team manager, was here to watch him yesterday.

Stewart also saw Lamb make runs, a high proportion of them in boundaries, and there were a few strokes by Larkins of the kind that make you wonder why he not playing Test cricket.

Mostly, though, batting was not much fun. Gower had at his disposal a seam attack that was good enough for Taylor to be given three overs and, though coming on second change, DeFreitas had Geoff Cook caught behind and after that, Gower mainly used Agnew and Lewis, who is clearly quite a prospect.

Think of John Shepherd when he was young, and you have an idea of how lithe and accurate Lewis is. He had Larkins caught at the wicket, Bailey beatifully picked up by Gower at second slip and, after lunch, added the wicket of Stanley, who was making his championship debut.

It was a contest while Lamb was in, driving powerfully through mid-off on the front foot after being dropped before he had scored. His half century included nine fours.

He got himself out, chopping an intended square cut on to his stumps, and after that, Agnew met with no resistance from a rather lengthy tail.His last five wickets were taken at a cost of 10 runs in 5.3 overs.

When Northamptonshire took the field, Capel and Wild were injured, their replacements were inexperienced and Davis was, if anything, too quick for the conditions. He did catch Boon off his own bowling and beat the bat every so often, but Briers and Willey survived, struggling all the way, until the light became too murky to continue for long after tea.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

*G Cook c Whitticase b DeFreitas	8
W Larkins c Whitticase b Lewis	32
R J Bailey c Gower b Lewis	27
A J Lamb lbw b Agnew	54
R G Williams c Whitticase b Agnew	6
N Stanley lbw b Lewis	22
†D Ripley lbw b Agnew	1
N G B Cook c Gower b Agnew	0
W W Davis not out	14
S Brown c Whitticase b Agnew	0
M Robinson lbw b Agnew	1
Extras (lb 9, w 2)	11
Total (47.3 overs)	176

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-66, 3-95, 4-140, 5-158, 6-160, 7-160, 8-163, 9-168.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 12-3-22-1; Agnew 20.3-3-66-6; Lewis 22-5-75-3; Taylor 3-1-4-0.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

N E Briers not out	27
T J Boon c and b Davis	22
P Willey not out	7
Extras (lb 4, nb 10)	14
Total (one wkt, 27 overs)	70

FALL OF WICKET: 1-48.

*D I Gower, J Benson, L Potter, P A J DeFreitas, C C Lewis, †P Whitticase, J P Agnew and L B Taylor.

Bonus points: Leicestershire 4, Northamptonshire 1.

Umpires: B J Meyer and J Birkenshaw.

Hick and Maynard maintain their form

By Geoffrey Wheeler

Graeme Hick and Matthew Maynard, prospective partners in the England middle order in a few years, continued their fine starts to the new season yesterday. Hick brought his aggregate to 396 in four innings with a glorious 86 in 106 balls for **Worcestershire**, after they had been put in by **Nottinghamshire** at New Road.

While Hick was peppering the boundaries — he hit hit four sixes and 12 fours — batting looked simplicity itself. Then, as so often happens when a high class player gets out, the bowlers regained control. After having Hick taken at second slip immediately after lunch, Cooper followed by dismissing D'Oliveira and Botham — a burst of three wickets in 20 balls. Botham, captaining Worcestershire for the first time, made only four.

O'Shaughnessy marked his debut for his new county with a stubborn 44 before Dilley and Radford added 49 for the last wicket to enable Worcestershire to reach 290.

Glamorgan were uneasily placed at 113 for three against **Somerset** at Cardiff when Maynard and Shastri picked them up with a splendid partnership of 216, both scoring centuries. Maynard followed his hundred against Gloucestershire last Thursday by reaching three figures in 171 minutes from 136 balls, hitting 14 fours. After he had gone for 122 Shastri, whose 138 not out is his highest score for the county, carried them to 400 for four.

Prospects of a May Bank Holiday gate for the match between **Lancashire** and **Warwickshire** at Old Trafford appear remote on the evidence of an opening day in which 17 wickets fell. Warwickshire, who lost their first five batsmen for 14 to Matthews and Allott, recovered to reach 155 thanks to a doughty rearguard action led by Paul Smith, who made 68.

In turn, Lancashire's specialist batsmen struggled against Small and Merrick, who had four wickets down for 20 and seven men out for 85 by the end.

Kent, already hard hit by injuries, suffered a further blow before the start at of the game against **Hampshire** at Canterbury when Tavaré withdrew with influenza and Ellison with a recurrence of his back injury. Despite a bold 48 from Chris Cowdrey, Kent were toiling at at 146 for seven against Jeffries and Andrew before Kelleher, with a career-best 43 not out, led them to a more respectable 230.

Cambridge University named Nigel Fenton in their team against **Surrey** at Fenner's but when he had to withdraw with a muscle strain Greig, the Surrey captain, allowed Alastair Scott, a Blue but no longer a member of the University, to deputize. It was Scott, with his second ball, who broke an opening partnership of 104 between Clinton and Smith, but like the rest of the bowlers, he was punished by Lynch, who completed a 135-minute century just before the close when Surrey were 310 for three.

Sponsorship deal

Nicki Hutton, a member of the British young riders show-jumping team which won the gold medal at the European championships last year, is to be sponsored for more than £30,000 over the next three years by the Yorkshire firm, Dean and Brooke.

Gooch has a late reprieve

By Tony Winlaw

LORD'S: Essex, with nine first-innings wickets in hand are 201 behind Essex

Graham Gooch, with innings of 275, 73, 90 and 43 already in the book this season, once again played the ideal role for Essex in keeping his wicket and his side's commanding position intact for the final 23 overs of the day. But luck was on his side, for Williams missed a simple caught and bowled chance from the penultimate ball, a lapse which Middlesex may dearly regret.

Whilst the second half of the Middlesex order did such an admirable job in gaining three bonus batting points, after the side had been 136 for fivein 30 overs, the highlights of the day all came in the morning.

Essex, having put Middlesex in, soon gained their first wicket when Slack was lbw "padding-up", to be followed back to pavilion by Gatting, who failed to score and left Lever on a hat-trick. Brown managed to avert it but Pringle then had him well caught by Gooch at slip and Middlesex were in trouble at 46 for 3.

From the start, however, Carr had been timing the ball with perfect ease. There were handsome drives in front of the wicket as he hit Topley for three boundaries in the same over to reach his 50 off 57 balls. Last year (1,541 runs, average 41.64) he looked one of the most improved batsmen in the game, on promotion to open innings. And now there certainly seems to have been a further advance, on the season evidence of 100 against Nottinghamshire in the first match and here an innings of 66. Additionally, Carr has proved one of the best fieldsmen — in any position, from slip to third man.

He and Butcher put on 71 for the fourth wicket before the rather homely-looking bowling of Gooch halted the Middlesex revival. Gooch frequently proves an invaluable change bowler, perhaps because batsmen unconsciously relax at the sight of his medium-pace. Sure enough, Butcher was lbw in his second over while in his next Carr pushed forward and was caught behind.

After Gooch's burst of two wickets for eight runs Middlesex faced a difficult task to rebuild the innings. Downton and Emburey stayed together while 46 were added and there was an important eighth wicket partnership of 56 between Williams and Hughes before Pringle, who took four for 90, finally ended hopes of further tail-end glory by having Hughes caught at slip by Border.

The Australian captain then held a fine, running catch on the mid-wicket boundary to end Williams' resolute innings of 44. Williams had frustrated Essex for almost an hour-and-a-half and deservedly won a third bonus batting point.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

W N Slack lbw b Lever	5
J D Carr c East b Gooch	65
*M W Gatting b Lever	0
K R Brown c Gooch b Pringle	13
R O Butcher lbw b Gooch	22
†P R Downton c Pringle b Topley	39
J E Emburey c Gooch b Pringle	18
N F Williams c Border b Lever	44
S P Hughes c Border b Pringle	19
A R C Fraser not out	14
N G Cowans lbw b Pringle	1
Extras (b 4, lb 6, w 1, nb 11)	22
Total (83.4 overs)	263

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-22, 3-46, 4-117, 5-126, 6-172, 7-189, 8-245, 9-253.

BOWLING: Lever 23-5-47-3; Topley 17-2-74-1; Pringle 22.4-3-90-4; Gooch 17-4-38-2; Childs 4-2-4-0.

ESSEX: First Innings

G A Gooch not out	34
B R Hardie lbw b Cowans	6
P J Prichard not out	16
Extras (lb 4, nb 2)	6
Total (one wkt, 23 overs)	62

A R Border, *K W R Fletcher, D R Pringle, A W Lilley, †D E East, T D Topley, J K Lever and J H Childs to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-17.

Bonus points: Middlesex 3, Essex 4.

Umpires: D G L Evans and J H Hampshire.

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GOLF

Fairways full of fruit for Cooper

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Quinta do Lago

Taya puts family ties aside

By Patricia Davies

FOOTBALL

Cause for concern as England's early promise fades

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

England have yet to make any progress on their road towards the European championship. If anything, since qualifying for the finals by winning 4-1 in Yugoslavia last November, the side that was then considered the joint favourites with West Germany for the title have gone backwards.

The prospects looked so promising in Belgrade. Bobby Robson had designed a formation that was secure at the back, where Adams had joined Butcher, constructive in the middle, where Webb had been brought in to accompany Bryan Robson, and dangerous at the front, where Barnes was carrying additional menace.

In spite of the contentious omission of the most gifted creator, Hoddle, the line-up seemed to be complete. In the advance towards the tournament in June, Robson apparently needed only to make sure that none of the replacements in his shadow squad was left behind during the preparations.

But over the last five months the whole party, with the noteable exception of the captain, has been on the retreat. First, and most significantly, Butcher broke his leg. In his absence, the once solid back four has cracked as well and is now in a state of alarming confusion.

One of the central defenders Bobby Robson is now considering, for example, is a new boy from the second division. *Pallister, promoted ahead of* schedule, was so composed during his debut against Hungary on Wednesday that he is certain to be selected for as least one of the three internationals next month.

"I am not going to get too excited about him," Robson said, "but he was so accomplished that I have to have another look at him. We may have another international on our hands." Yet England's manager appreciates that the Middlesbrough centre half, aged 22, has "a lot to learn".

Ideally, he would continue his international education later in the year. Realistically, the other contenders (Watson and Wright) are so vulnerable that Pallister, one of eight representatives on the edge of contention, could yet claim one of the two remaining vacancies in the party to be announced on May 30.

Pallister, never before recognised by England at any *level*, was appreciably sounder in Budapest than his more experienced partner, Adams. The decline of Arsenal's captain, introduced a year ago but whose promise has since been overshadowed by his arrogance, is matched by his club colleague, Sansom.

Discontented at Highbury, the distracted left back has made only one appearance *since collecting his 79th cap in* Yugoslavia. Against The Netherlands last month, it was one of his least distinguished. *But Pearce, his lone deputy, is fearfully inadequate, as was* once more confirmed even before he was injured in midweek.

Thus, of the defensive quartet that was assembled around Butcher, *only Stevens has* retained his form and his right to a place. Webb, excluded even from the list of substitutes against the Hungarians, has lost both in midfield and is unlikely to win them back within the next five weeks.

McMahon, his successor, strengthened his cause. "He had an impressive debut in Israel," Robson said, "and I like him." Yet he was linking with Bryan Robson for the first time and their understanding was not fully convincing when the outstanding Detari was prompting his less talented Hungarian colleagues.

Without Barnes, England's wings did not flap with any power. Since Waddle's contribution was limited by his lack of fitness and the unusually ineffective Beardsley, perhaps by fatigue, the attack was borne by Lineker, who is suffering from a painful toe injury that may afflict him still this summer.

England, though denied an early penalty, were as fortunate that the Hungarians lacked the finishing touch. Robson, who felt that McMahon and Pallister should both have scored, would have been "eminently satisfied" with a 2-0 victory. Instead his side was held to the fourth *goalless draw in the last nine* fixtures.

Irish success story continues its run

By Clive White

Seven down and seven to go. No one in his right mind believes that the Republic of Ireland can *ride their wave of success right* through to the final of the European championship. But no one will go to West Germany in June with a more fierce belief in what they are trying to do.

Nothing convinces players better that a style or system is right than success, and the Republic's 2-0 defeat of Yugoslavia, at Lansdowne Road on Wednesday, was their seventh successive victory. Nothing, too, is more easily understood than the straightforward approach. The philosophy of Jack Charlton, the Englishman who is shaping Ireland's future, is to make life as difficult as possible for the opposition and as easy as possible for his own side.

All he asks is that they compete for the ball when the other side pass and try to turn defenders as much as possible. "I've tried desperately hard not to *over-elaborate the game,*" he said. "A lot of the teams we played haven't enjoyed playing against us. Brazil didn't like us, neither did Bulgaria nor Romania."

His decision to steer the Irish along the less scenic route is odd given the abundance of creative midfield talent, such as Brady, *Sheedy and Houghton.* But in the absence of the first two, it was unquestionably the right policy against the Yugoslav side who were not short on midfield guile with Jankovic, of Real Madrid, returning for his first international in 13 months.

Not that the midfield was idle. Mark Kelly, aged 18, the Portsmouth reserve winger, gave a remarkably mature performance while promising more to come. "He's been taught exactly the right way," Charlton said, which was an obvious compliment to Alan Ball, his old England colleague.

"He trekked back, worked *people, tackled, and when he* was given the ball he showed what an aggressive player he was by going at defenders." Yugoslavia suffered three bookings, including a sending-off, in their cynical attempt to halt the frail youngster. "The beauty of it was that it was not the first man who was kicking him, but the second," Charlton remarked.

Sheridan, stepping into Brady's shoes, seemed to fit in a little more snugly on his second appearance. "He looks more settled. He seems to like the room we give him to play. He's just got to be more aggressive going forward."

Whether it was Sheridan or McGrath that Terry Venables, the Tottenham Hotspur manager, had come to watch, he could not have been too disappointed with either. While many thought that McGrath's performance only confirmed how ill-suited he was to midfield, Charlton is convinced that he is the right man for the job as minder to the back four.

His central pair of McCarthy and Moran were hardly the ones that needed protecting as they launched assaults on the opposition which produced both goals. Clearly, Charlton would never have promoted O'Leary, even if he were fit, ahead of them. Morris, the right back, is the only defender who has still to convince Charlton.

David Kelly, winning his third cap, was again full of the devilry that the Irish have been lacking in attack. Still to play alongside *Aldridge,* one of several absentees, Kelly could be the perfect foil. His unselfish running ought to help Aldridge get off the mark after 13 caps without a goal.

The future is bright for Black

By George Ace

Billy Bingham has achieved much as a player and as a manager of Northern Ireland. Capped 56 times for his country he was in the team that reached the quarter-finals of the World Cup in Sweden in 1958; as a manager his best achievement to date was guiding the Irish to the second stage of the World Cup tournament in Spain six years ago.

Time, however, may prove that one of his greatest successes was persuading Kingsley Black, the Luton Town winger, that his international future lay with Northern *Ireland and not the* land of his birth.

Black was born in Luton 19 years ago and won international recognition as a schoolboy with *England. But his father hails* from Ulster, and that qualified the youngster to play for Northern Ireland if he so desired.

The tug of war that went on *earlier in the week between* Bingham and Bobby Robson, the England manager, requires no further elaboration. Suffice to say Black chose green, not white.

It is not easy, nor is it prudent, to pass judgement on a player's capabilities for what the future may hold after he has spent only a fleeting 30 minutes on the international stage. And that in a friendly match that was boring the pants of most of those who were at Windsor Park on Wednesday, when Northern Ireland played a goalless draw against France.

But when Bingham substituted Black for Dennison, the Wolverhampton Wanderers winger, *who made an excellent* international debut, the crowd gave vent to their feelings with an almighty roar. And when Black, with his first touch of the ball, produced a superb run down the left flank which left two defenders trailing in his wake before putting over a centre that Martini, the French goalkeeper, did well to gather fractionally before Clark, this hitherto humdrum affair took on a new meaning.

Black is a young man endowed with a cool temperament and a *lot of footballing talent.* He belies his tender years with a maturity and poise on the field that augers well for his future. Off the field he is coping admirably with a difficult situation in a manner that befits a young man who has nine O and two A levels to his credit, which emphatically reject any suggestion that all his brains are in his boots.

"The crowd gave me a wonderful reception when I came on and I was lucky I got an early touch of the ball. I am convinced now that I made the right decision to opt for Northern Ireland: it was not easy, but I knew that if I did my dad would be very happy," Blacksaid.

And Black's contribution was among the reasons Bingham is looking to the future with optimism. "I was pleased with Northern Ireland's performance. The team is starting to take shape and I am beginning to feel more optimisuc. We have some great young talent

Street violence diverts Roxburgh's attention

By Roddy Forsyth

When Andy Roxburgh sat down yesterday to review the worth of Scotland's excursion to Spain, the performance of the team inside the Bernabéu stadium was of secondary importance. Instead, the scenes in the streets *outside, as the Scottish team bus* was bombarded with lumps of marble and concrete and Scottish journalists were attacked by a mob, provided the principal talking point.

"I found it a terrifying experience," the Scottish coach said. "We had no idea what was going on and in fact we thought we might be the target for terrorists. It was like a rocket attack when the windows of the bus started to go in. I ran upstairs to see the players lying on the deck showered with glass.

"I think it was a distinct possibility that we might have come away with a death on our hands. In Willie Miller's case a rock passed just in front of his head and another just behind him. Jack McGinn, the Celtic chairman, was almost brained by a piece of marble which came through the window beside his seat and smashed through the window on the opposite side.

"Prior to the game our worries were about how we would play but when something like that happens, it tends to put your anxiety about a mere football match in perspective."

The match was officially a friendly contest so the Scots will make no complaint to UEFA *and in Spain the attacks have* received no coverage. The waving of swastika flags at matches and the connection between hooliganism and extreme right-wing political groups have long been part of the Spanish football scene

Meanwhile Roxburgh is satisfied that on the field the Scots acquitted themselves efficiently and pointed out that *the draw in* Spain was preceded by victories against Hungary, Belgium and Bulgaria. He acknowledged that his team needed attacking flair and authority in midfield: "If we had been drawn in a World Cup section with these teams and achieved such results we would have finished top of the table.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Austria 1, Denmark 0; Czechoslovakia 1, Soviet Union 1; Hungary 0, England 0; Luxembourg 0, Italy 3; N Ireland 0, France 0; Republic of Ireland 2, Yugoslavia 0; Spain 0, Scotland 0; Sweden 4, Wales 1; West Germany 1, Switzerland 0.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals, second leg: England 2, France 2 (France win 6-4 on agg); Netherlands 2, Greece 0 (Greece win 5-2 on agg).

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Third division: Bristol Rovers 2, Blackpool 0. Fourth division: Torquay United 0, Darlington 0.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Boston United 1, Telford United 1; Lincoln City 1, Maidstone United 1; Welling United 1, Enfield 1.

WELSH FA CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Caernarfon 0, Cardiff 1 (Cardiff win 3-1 on agg).

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa 0, Nottingham Forest 6; Sheffield United 3, Bradford City 1. Second division: Blackburn Rovers 2, Rotherham United 1; Darlington 1, Port Vale 1; Notts County 1, West Bromwich Albion 1; Scunthorpe United 2, Preston North End 1; Stoke City 0, Oldham Athletic 2; Wigan Athletic 3, Middlesbrough 1; York City 2, Bolton Wanderers 2.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Oxford United 1, Swindon Town 2.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Gateshead 0, Barrow 0; Worksop 4, Bangor City 1.

MACBAR SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Plymouth Argyle 4, Exeter City 1.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Second division: Horsham 1, Epsom and Ewell 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Cambridge City 0, Ashford 3; Canterbury 3, Tonbridge 2; Poole 2, Corinthian 1.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE CUP: Final, first leg: Tottenham Hotspur 2, Southampton 1.

YACHTING: TIME IS AGAINST BRITISH CHAL[illegible] TRANSATLANTIC RACE

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Spirit of the sky in race to be ready

Tony Bullimore, Britain's top solo sailor, watched anxiously yesterday as the Sikorsky helicopter hovered 80 feet above a farmyard just outside Bristol yesterday, then slowly, gently, lifted Spirit of Apricot, Bullimore's new 60-foot racing trimaran, into the air (Malcolm McKeag writes).

Moments later, the three pencil-slim hulls of the two-and-a-half-ton craft were winging their way across the fields towards Bristol Royal Docks. Five minutes later, the trimaran was safely in the water and the Sikorsky was on her way back to collect the yacht's mast.

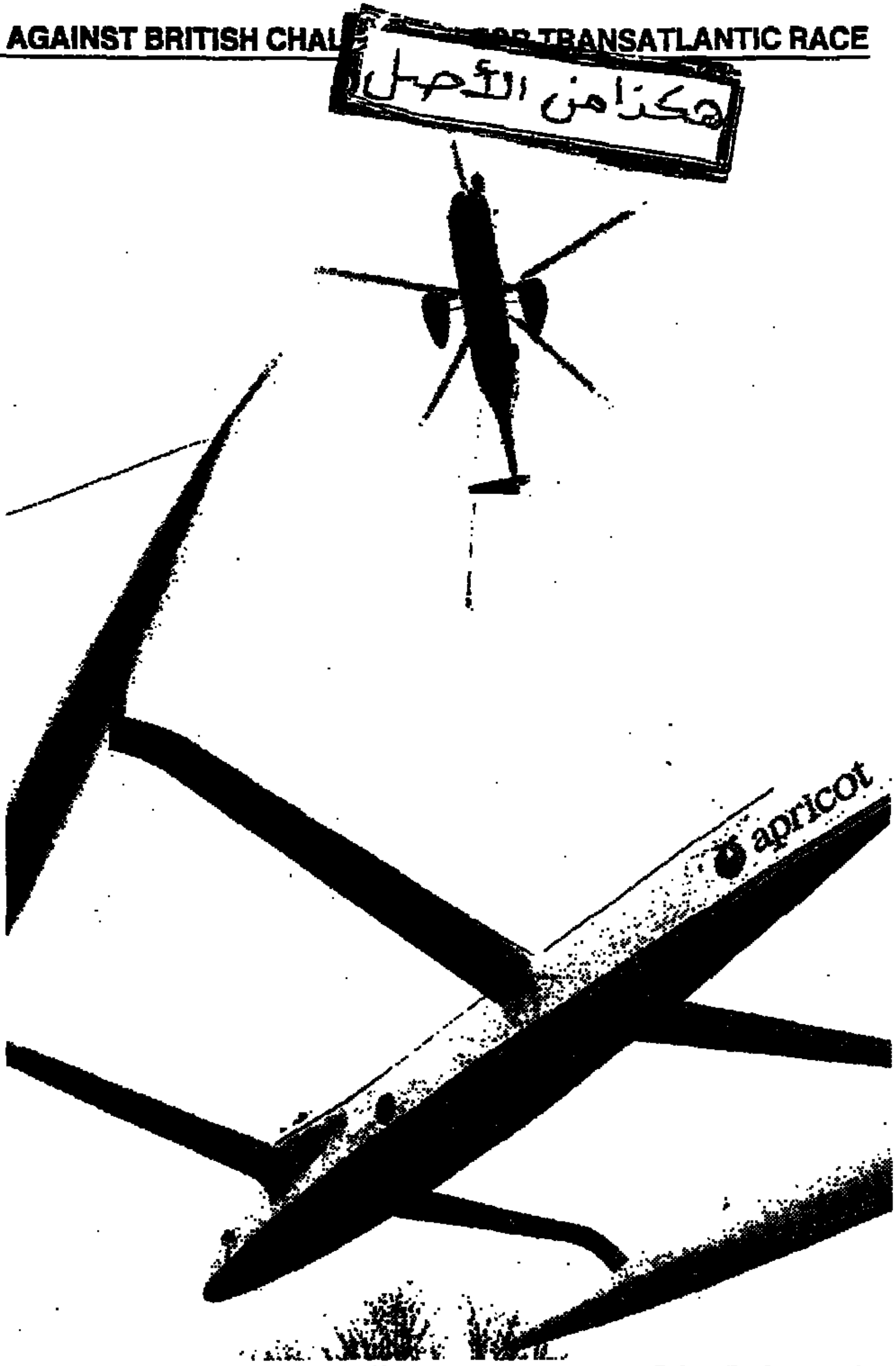
The same journey, but by road, had taken Apricot, Bullimore's previous 60-foot trimaran, *the best part of a day,* had required the building of a special cradle and road transporter, and, in scratched paintwork alone, caused hundreds of pounds' damage.

Bullimore's new trimaran is probably Britain's best hope of a win in this year's Carlsberg single-handed transatlantic race, but the boat is desperately late. She will probably not sail on her maiden voyage until mid-May: the race starts on June 5.

Bullimore and his yacht should have completed a 500-mile qualifying cruise — required *to prove the safety of all* transatlantic entrants — by March 31, but in view of Bullimore's previous experience, the race organizers granted the new boat dispensation to qualify after the deadline.

Bullimore is confident that Spirit of Apricot can still beat the French fleet which again dominates the quadrenniel race's entry list. "She's quite similar to my previous Apricot," he said, "but a lot more refined. At nearly a ton lighter, she's going to be very fast.

"I've been over in France: they're good, without a doubt. But we can beat them."



Fish out of water: Spirit of Apricot is lifted into the air on its way to Bristol Docks yesterday

Crispin shows his inconsistencies

From Barry Pickthall, Hyères

The inconsistency of the Finn sailor, Lawrence Crispin, yesterday provided a perfect display of the best and the worst attributes of Britain's present crop of Olympic sailors.

Brilliant in the morning's fifth race at the French pre-Olympic regatta, the former youth world champion took the winning gun with ease, but then struggled to *finish a despondent fiftieth in* the afternoon's heat to lie fifteenth overall last night, 10 places astern of his British rival, Tim Tavinor.

Lawrie Smith, Britain's principal hope for a keel-boat medal now that Chris Law has chosen an uncertain course towards an America's Cup challenge, finished third yesterday, which made up for his disqualification the previous day for a premature start.

Cathy Foster and Jackie Patton also maintained their challenge in the women's 470 fleet, registering two twelfth places to maintain fifth overall after Debbie Jarvis and Sue Hay had plummeted to eleventh overall, after coming a 31st and 39th.

Brian Taylor and Robin Pascal finished top among the British in the men's 470 class with an eighth yesterday to stand seventeenth overall at the start of the day's final round of races.

However, the barren times continue for Britain's 470 world champions, Nigel Buckley and Peter Newlands, who now languish 49th overall — a situation almost mirrored by our top Finn sailor, Stuart Childerley, whose disqualification from Wednesday's race for pumping illegally was followed by a lowly nineteenth yesterday to leave this usual frontrunner in the lower half of the fleet.

Winter Olympics

Lausanne (AP) — The city of Lausanne, home of the International Olympic Committee, has backed a candidacy for hosting the 1994 Winter Games. The city council has voted 64-19 to endorse the bid.

Murray likely to rely on monohull

From Bob Ross, Sydney

The America's Cup challenger from the *Australia Endeavour* syndicate, inspired by the skipper of the 1987 defender, Iain Murray, is likely to be a lightweight monohull, a *development of the 18ft* skiffs upon which Murray built his reputation by winning six world championships.

The challenge, lodged through *the Cruising Yacht Club of* Australia and Sydney, is the latest development in the game being played out between Michael Fay, of New Zealand, the defending San Diego Yacht Club, with its management arm, the Sail America Foundation, and Peter de Savary, of Britain.

Fay, who has his 90ft waterline yacht on the water, objects to the wing-masted catamaran entered by San Diego. He also opposes the de Savary challenge, which he believes would be in an hydrofoil-borne craft.

Fay's response to the Australian challenge has been guarded, his organization stating it was awaiting further details. Murray will be furnishing these when he flies into New Zealand today to meet Fay.

Murray has given little away about his craft except to say that it would be a monohull, would be "different" but would match *the 90ft waterline nominated by* the New Zealand challengers, and would be crewed by fewer people than the 40 aboard New Zealand.

It would have to fit into an aircraft in order to be flown to San Diego by August, and so would have to be light, slender, and, probably, built in halves.

"We have the design to win back the America's Cup and we are confident we can build it in time," said Murray. "It will be of exotic plastics and we will build it ourselves in Sydney."

Murray and a team of "survivors" from the Kevin Parry-led Taskforce syndicate have been working in Sydney on preliminary design work towards a challenge in 12 metre yachts for the Endeavour syndicate, which is headed by Paul Ramsay, the Sydney businessman and yachtsman.

WEIGHTLIFTING

Setback to Soviet title hopes

By Chris Thau

The technical commission of the European Weightlifting Federation has banned the Israil Militosian, of the Soviet Union, from the European championships for failing to turn up for the weighing-in before the 67.5kg division. The decision represents a severe blow to the Soviet team, now left with only nine lifters able to score points in the competition.

Meanwhile, Angel Genchev, in the 75kg division, helped Bulgaria win the third overall European title and therefore maintain his country's hopes for the team title. But the Bulgarians suffered two setbacks when they lost the gold in both 60 and 67.5 classes.

In the 60kg class, the world champion, Stefan Topurov, was beaten by the Turkish champion, Naim Suleymangolu, while in the 67.5 division world record holder, Mikhail Petrov, dropped out injured

Dean Willey, of Britain, who competed injured, was pleased to lift 310kg from only two attempts and therefore fulfilled his Olympic qualifying total.

RESULTS: 75kg: 1. A Genchev, (Bul), 162.5 snatch, 210 clean and jerk, 372.5kg; 2. A Socaci, (Rom), 350kg; 3. W Kosanski, (Pol), 342.5kg. 9, D Willey, (GB), 145 and 185, 310kg.

HOCKEY

Jennings is called up again for manoeuvres

By Sydney Friskin

Ian Jennings, of the Army, who made seven appearances for England in 1985, has been called *up to a squad of 24 for training* at Lilleshall from May 6 to 8.

Norman Hughes, a former England and Great Britain captain, who will be England's coach at the 1990 World Cup tournament at Lahore from February 12 to 23, starts his duties with a look at an early squad chosen after the divisional tournament last weekend at Sunderland. Maskery, of Slough, gets his long-awaited chance.

On May 8 the England training squad will be split into two. One section will play at Cannock against a Midland President's XI to handsel the club's synthetic pitch; the other will play Southgate to mark the opening of St Margaret's Pasture *Sports Centre at Leicester.*

ENGLAND SQUAD: N Barker (Teddington), D Beechener (Wakefield), K S Bhaura (Indian Gymkhana), P Bolland (Leicester Westleigh), D Camilleri (Old Loughtonians), Nisar Choudry (Pickwick), C Cooper (Leicester Westleigh), A Ferns (St Alban's), *A Halliday (St Alban's),* S Hazlitt (Army), I Jennings (Army), D Knott (Stourport), R Leman (East Grinstead), C Maskery (Slough), S Phillips (Firebrands), J Roberts (Bournville), T Rothwell (Warrington), S Rowlands (Leicester Westleigh), R Skinner (Isca), P Soor (Hounslow), *K Stamp (Welton), S Taylor* (Stourport), R Thompson (Hounslow), D Williams (Guildford).

●Southgate conceded the Middlesex Cup final to Indian Gymkhana after failing to field a full side at Parkside, Neasden. Gymkhana are to lodge a complaint.

Everything to play for

The four home countries meet this weekend in Dublin to play the four remaining matches of the women's home international series (Joyce Whitehead writes). Scores in the first two games were not inspiring: Wales drew 1-1 with Ireland, the defending *champions, and England won 2-0* in Scotland.

Hopefully, in Dublin, play will improve. Ireland are sure to revel in their local support, but England, with their relatively young team, are learning all the time. And as Wales held Ireland, their hopes too must be high. *Scotland have nothing to lose.*

The England squad is unchanged,

ENGLAND: L Bayliss (Staffordshire), S Brimble (Gloucestershire), C Brown *(Devonshire), M Burrows (Derbyshire),* M Cheetham (Leicestershire), K Edwards (Norfolk), R Goodridge (Devonshire), V Hallam (Sheffield League), S Holwell (Leicestershire), *J Lewis* (Derbyshire), C Liddell (Essex), S Lister (Essex), T Miller (Devonshire), A Pickles (Bedford CPE), A Smith (Yorkshire), T Wilce (Suffolk).

SQUASH RACKETS

Two-year deal for England

By Colin McQuillan

The *England women's squads,* world team champions at both junior and senior level, yesterday received a £50,000 two-year sponsorship contract from Shield Soap, aimed at maintaining their international superiority.

"We plan to approach the next world championships on a *long-term basis,*" Alex Cowie, the England manager, said yesterday. "With this support from Shield, we will be giving the squads specialist back-up, including dietician, nutritionist, psychologist and physiotherapist. For the first time, we can put together the most comprehensive preparation programme any women's squad has ever enjoyed."

Cowie has already planned sessions with athletics training specialists and with Dr Craig Sharp, of Birmingham University, the respected human fitness expert. "We can now afford to gather the whole squad in one place for residential training camps leading into the big *championships.*"

"Now we can concentrate on the playing side of things, knowing the money is there for what is necessary," Lisa Opie, the British champion, said.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National League: New York Mets 5, Atlanta Braves 2; Montreal Expos 1, Cincinnati Reds 0; Los Angeles Dodgers 4, Chicago Cubs 0; St Louis Cardinals 2, San Diego Padres 1; San Francisco Giants 6, Pittsburgh Pirates 4; Houston Astros 3, Philadelphia Phillies 2. *American League:* Kansas City Royals 3, New York Yankees 1; Cleveland Indians 6, Seattle Mariners 4; California Angels 4, Detroit Tigers 3; Oakland Athletics 5, Toronto Blue Jays 3; Minnesota Twins 7, Baltimore Orioles 6; Milwaukee Brewers 4, Texas Rangers 3.

BOXING

KARLSRUHE, West Germany: Pre-Olympic international tournament (British results): Light-flyweight: M Epton bt Jin Ho Kim (S Kor), pts. Featherweight: P English bt P Ukubu (Ug), pts.

SQUASH RACKETS

PARIS: Open championship: Final: Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt C Dittmar (Aus), 9-1, 10-9, 3-9, 9-4.

ROTHWELL: Leeds Metro Open Championship: Semi-finals. Men: R Kelly bt S Deighton, 5-9, 9-5, 9-7, 9-5; P Hutchinson bt M Shipley, 4-9, 9-3, 7-9, 9-4, 9-3. Women: S Chamberlain bt C Whittaker, 10-8, 10-8, 10-8; G Kelly bt C Brown, 9-3, 9-5, 9-3.

TENNIS

ISLE OF PALMS: United States clay court championship: Singles: Second round: (US unless stated): A Agassi bt C DiLaura (Peru), 6-2, 6-2; J Berger bt S Giammalva, 6-7, 7-5, 6-0; L Duncan bt J Kriek, 7-6, 7-6; R Reneberg bt M Davis, 6-1, 6-4; H de la Pena (Arg) bt M Srejber (Cz), 6-1, 6-2. Doubles: First round: E *Edwards (SA) and G Muller (SA) bt T Wilkison* and B Wollenborg, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; P Aldrich (SA) and D Visser (SA) bt M Davis and Reneberg, 7-6, 6-4. Second round: D Cassidy and M Purcell bt S Denton and Giammalva, 6-3, 6-4; J Lozano (Mex) and T Witsken bt B Cox and M Flur, 6-1, 7-5.

ATLANTA: AT and T Challenge tournament (round-robin): *S Edberg (Swe) bt S Zivojinovic* (Yug), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; I Lendl (Cz) bt M Pernfors (Swe), 6-3, 6-3; J McEnroe (US) bt J Connors (US), 7-5, 6-1.

SUTTON: Hi-Tec satellite tournament: Men's quarter-finals: D Sapsford (Surrey) bt J Hunter (Surrey), 6-4, 6-2; P Wekesa (Kenya) bt J Rios (P Rico), 7-5, default; T Nydhl (Swe) bt O Delaitre (Fr) 6-1, 6-3; A Anderson (Aus) bt N Fulwood (Derby), 2-6, 6-3, 6-4. Women's quarter-finals: S Rehmke (WG) bt S Sullivan (Essex), 6-4, 6-0; M Bollazzi (It) bt J Louis (Devon), 2-6, 6-1, 6-3; P Thoren (Fin) bt M Ekstrand (Swe), 7-5, 7-6; C Dahlman (Swe) bt A Grunfeld (Lancs), 7-5, 7-6.

FUJISAWA, Japan: Women's open tournament: Second round: P Shriver (US) bt L Meskhi (USSR), 6-0, 6-2; P Harper (US) bt P Fendick (US), 3-6, 6-2, 6-3, A Minter (Aus) bt G Fernandez (P Rico), 1-6, 6-4, 6-2; M Maleeva (Bul) bt A Kijimuta (Japan), 6-7, 6-4, 6-0.

CRICKET

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Colchester GS 189-8 dec, Brentwood 125; Exeter Univ Freshmen 137-7, Exeter School 107-7; Forty Club 152, Millfield 154-2, Haberdashers Aske's 181-2 dec, Bancroft 126-4. Merchant Taylors' Crosby 59, Rossall 60-4; Notts HS 183-3 dec, Oakham 153-6, RGS Worcester 172-5 dec, *Pates GS 32; Tiffin 159-1, RGS High* Wycombe 155-5; Tonbridge 169-3 dec, Sevenoaks 120-8.

BARCLAYS ENGLISH SCHOOLS' CUP: First Round: Headingley 54, Newport Free GS 57-7.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: South Wales Police 30, Llanelli 32.

SCHOOLS MATCH: Sackville 8, Imberhorn 4.

TOUR MATCH: California Presidents XV 20, Combined London Old Boys 44.

ICE HOCKEY

STANLEY CUP: Play-offs: (best of seven games): Norris division: Detroit Red Wings 4, St Louis Blues 3 (Detroit win series 4-1).

FOOTBALL

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Luton 2, Norwich 0; Chelsea 2, West Ham 0.

OLYMPIC QUALIFYING MATCHES: Chorzow: Poland 1, West Germany 1. Moscow: Soviet Union 2, Bulgaria 0. Petrinja: Yugoslavia 1, Czechoslovakia 0.

GOLF

CHUNGSHAN, China: Dunhill Cup Pacific qualifying tournament: Thailand 2½pts, China ½pts.

TOGOCHO, Japan: Chunichi Crowns tournament: First round: 68: W Smith (Aus); T M Chen (Taiwan), T Gale (Aus). 69: T Nakamura (Japan); S Maeda (Japan); I Shirahama (Japan); M Reid (US).

EVENING RACING

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Going: firm

5.30 (2m hdle) 1, Prince Newport (A Mulholland, 5-1); 2, Wood Chisel (7-4 fav); 3, Snowsdown (12-1). 13 ran. 3l, nk. S Christian. Tote: £6.40; £2.80, £1.70, £3.00. DF: £6.50. CSF: £14.55.

6.0 (2m ch) 1, *Diamond Digger* (R Dunwoody, 4-1); 2, Tarpromise (5-2 fav); 3, Shropshire Lad (9-2). 13 ran. 10l, 2½l. D Nicholson. Tote: £4.10; £1.40, £1.30, £1.70. DF: £5.90. CSF: £13.30.

6.30 (2m hdle) 1, Courtlands Girl (P Scudamore, 8-1); 2, Crimson Lady (33-1); 3, Miccalun (6-1); 4, *Madiga* (50-1). 16 ran. Any Business 4-1 fav. 5l, 1½l. W Fisher. Tote. £8.10; £1.40, £5.80, £1.80, £48.10. DF: £154.40. CSF: £210.81. Tricast: £1,974.08.

TENNIS

Absentees make it an easy ride for Becker

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
Hamburg

Rod Laver often comments that, these days, every round is tough, whereas, 20 years ago or so, the better players usually had an easy run to the quarter-finals. Most big tournaments confirm that opinion but to some extent *the German championships* are a throw-back to the Laver era.

Boris Becker and Henri Leconte, the most exciting players in the draw, have reached the quarter-finals without playing anybody ranked in the top hundred. The reason is unusual: of the players ranked in the top 10, only Becker is competing in either of the two grand prix events *in progress* this week.

The celebrities in action have mostly gathered at an independently promoted tournament in Atlanta. That is a symptom (the proliferation of pre-Wimbledon events is another) of a growing challenge to the grands prix.

The big names of the game can often find better things to do than submit to the treadmill-like routine of *official* tournaments. Heinz Brenner, the tournament director here, evidently considers that the solution may be financial and has asked the Men's Tennis Council to increase the prize-money from £250,000 to £487,000.

Guillermo Vilas, 16 years wiser than the teenager who surprised us by beating Bob Hewitt in the French championships, said yesterday that such special events as at Atlanta were no easier than official tournaments: "You have to be a top player to be invited but then, as professionals, you do your best to beat each other."

Vilas has changed. The lines on his face are a little deeper, his left forearm a little larger. Like Laver, who has an equally awesome left arm, Vilas reckons the game has changed, too — notably the court surfaces (*"completely different"*) and the size and composition of rackets. "My generation," he added, "has suffered the most changes and not many of us have lasted. There is a new type of player now."

Vilas still plays for four or five hours a day ("I enjoy tennis") when not competing. Some players, he said, would play only 12 tournaments this year, but he planned to compete in 23. "I like to smell blood every week."

Vilas is still smelling blood this week. He has not reached the final of a grand prix tournament for two years but, having gained confidence from a more loosely-strung racket, has advanced to a quarter-final with Jordi Arrese, of Barcelona, the kind of player Vilas used to regard as an appetizer.

Vilas, Becker and Leconte — the French man's tennis veered wildly between champagne and mineral water during a tough match with Hansjorg Schwaier yesterday — all commented on the difficulty of the playing conditions.

The courts, they said, were a little slippery, the bounces unpredictable. It was also a grey, chilly, breezy day. "It was difficult to play decent tennis," Becker said. "Basically, it was a question of who was tougher in the head."

Becker was asked which he enjoyed most: playing tennis, winning, or being a rich celebrity. "There's nothing like winning," he said, "because then you have all three."

RESULTS: Men's singles: Third round: G Perez-Roldan (Arg), bt F Yunis (Arg), 7-6, 6-1, C Mazzadri (Swi), bt R Osterthun (WG), 3-6, 6-1, 6-4; H Leconte (Fr), bt H Schwaier (WG), 7-5, 2-6, 7-6

Journalist inquiry led to ban

From Barry Wood
Barcelona

The spectre of apartheid yesterday cast its shadow on the international tennis championships of Spain, when Kim Labuschagne, aged 20, of South Africa, was forbidden to play her first-round match against the Spanish No. 1, Arantxa Sánchez.

The official reason was that Labuschagne had been incorrectly advised by the authorities in Houston that she required only a tourist visa to compete. The problem with the visa would have remained undiscovered but for the investigations undertaken by a Spanish journalist.

A former employee at the television station in Madrid that was forced to black out a boxing match earlier this week involving Brian Mitchell, of South Africa, he investigated *Labuschagne, who is ranked 210* in the world.

The sports ministry was contacted, and they asked the Real Club de Tenis Barcelona to check her eligibility. That task fell upon the English referee, Georgina Clark, an official of the Women's International Tennis Association, who reluctantly had to inform the South African that she could not play.

There was a threat, fortunately not conveyed to Miss Sánchez, aged 16, that had she played Labuschagne her place in *the Olympic tennis team could* have been withdrawn.

Ironically, Miss Labuschagne has not lived in South Africa for some two and a half years. She is a student at a Texas university, but she does not hold a green card, granting her the right to work in the United States. Such a card is usually enough to indicate that a player is attempting to cut her ties with her homeland and therefore dampens the flames of controversy.

Meanwhile, Julie Salmon was defeated 6-3, 6-3 in the second round by Mariana Pérez-Roldán and is to return home today for tests to establish the cause of a virus

The unsavoury side of Test cricket surfaces again as West Indies tour ends in anger

A battle averted: Abdul Qadir (left) is led away from the crowd by *Hafiz Jahid*, a team-mate, and Albert Auguste, the fan who was involved in the fracas, is interviewed by police

Qadir cleared of punching a spectator

From Richard Streeton, Bridgetown, Barbados

In a crowded few hours between the end of the third Test match and leaving for Karachi via London, Abdul Qadir, the Pakistan leg spinner, appeared at the local magistrates' court here on Wednesday to answer an assault charge brought by the local police. They served the summons on Qadir as the Pakistan team left the field after an incident in which Quadir punched a spectator.

When the case was heard Qadir pleaded not guilty to beating Albert Auguste, the spectator concerned. Auguste, aged 21 and a car-wash attendant, declined to give evidence and the magistrates dismissed the charge.

Auguste was persuaded not to proceed with his complaint when he attended an inquiry at a hastily convened disciplinary meeting of the West Indies Board of Control after the match.

It is understood that the Pakistan team management agreed later to make a public apology regretting the incident and to compensate Auguste financially for any physical injury he had received. The sum paid is believed to have been Barb $2,000 (about £540).

The incident happened when Qadir and his team-mates had vehement appeals for a leg-before decision rejected. Qadir was fuming as he returned to long leg. After further heckling from the crowd he ran into a group of spectators, exchanged angry words and threw a punch.

Auguste's hand was examined afterwards by a doctor and he was then questioned by police. They also discussed the row with a former Barbados attorney-general who was watching the game. Neither West Indian nor Pakistan cricket officials are expected to take any further action against Qadir.

Unsavoury end to Pakistan tour

From Richard Streeton

Ten seconds of madness from Abdul Qadir will be remembered far longer than anything else that happened during the enthralling Test series between West Indies and Pakistan which ended here on Wednesday. The punch Qadir threw at a spectator did much more than land the player in court on an assault charge and mar what has mostly been a happy tour on the last day.

Qadir's violent reaction to the barracking which ensued after he and his team had behaved petulantly when a leg-before appeal was turned down, has left an indelible blemish on Test cricket that the game can ill afford at this time. It also besmirched the reputation of Pakistan in world cricket yet again.

It brings no pleasure to write in this vein having been warmly welcomed both in Pakistan in the past and as a camp follower with the team in recent weeks. But Qadir's behaviour was unforgivable, and any cricketer liable to assault spectators — whatever the provocation — should not be selected again to represent his country.

What made the incident so tragic was that Qadir has enjoyed a good relationship with West Indian supporters throughout the tour. They have revelled in his twisting, corkscrew approach run; they have admired his skill and roared with delight when he orchestrated their cheers while he fielded on the boundary. Spectators in the same stand that reviled him on Wednesday were eating out of his hand earlier in the match.

Initially the crowd was irked by the aggressive way the majority of the Pakistanis surrounded the umpire, David Archer, and screamed their protest when he rejected their appeal for a bat-pad catch.

Not for the first time in recent years, five or six Pakistanis sank to their knees pleading with arms outstretched. It is an unedifying sight, and nothing more than an objectionable attempt at mass persuasion. It should be stopped by the Pakistan authorities. Qadir then stoked the crowd's anger by snatching his cap from Archer.

Intikhab Alam, the Pakistan manager, masks a professional approach with geniality and realism, and he has played enough cricket to know what is acceptable and what is not. Intikhab has only just started a three-year appointment and has not yet had time to eradicate faults tolerated by his predecessors. He must act quickly, however, if further disputes and damage to Pakistan's reputation are to be avoided.

Imran Khan, the captain, is also a man of strict principle in some ways, and it is surprising that he has not demanded better behaviour when appeals are made. The Pakistanis very quickly closed ranks after Qadir was charged with assault. We were told that Qadir earlier had had stones thrown at him; that he had been the target for bad language; and that Pakistan itself had been insulted in abusive remarks.

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All one can say is that none of this was apparent from the open press box 15 yards from where Qadir was fielding. It emphasized, perhaps, a basic difference in thinking and behaviour that several Pakistani players were surprised that the cricket authorities had not been able to interfere with the police action in charging Qadir.

Intikhab said he did not expect any disciplinary action to be taken against Qadir in Pakistan, and this particular episode is also closed as far as West Indian officials are concerned. It is far from closed, presumably, in the general sense, as officials everywhere wrestle with the growing problem of bad behaviour in the game.

English plans to stage the 1996 Olympic Games provide a tale of two cities

Birmingham's experience is a key factor

By Louise Taylor

The city once dubbed the workshop of the world was in confident mood yesterday as Birmingham's plans to host the 1996 Olympic Games were outlined by a special committee, including the former Minister for Sport, Denis Howell, MP, and city council representatives.

With the valuable experience gained during its unsuccessful but widely praised £2 million bid for the 1992 Olympics behind them, Birmingham is optimistic of securing the British nomination when the British Olympic Association chooses between it and Manchester on May 19.

The IOC ultimately awarded the 1992 Games to Barcelona, which was mounting its fourth bid. Denis Howell hopes Birmingham will emulate the Basques — but at the second attempt. "Experience and dedication are two characteristics in which we will not be found wanting," he said. "Birmingham is undoubtedly the sporting capital of Britain and evidence of the IOC's recognition of our quality is their decision to hold their 1991 conference here."

Howell declared: "No city in the world could be more secure than Birmingham, we have outstanding facilities and our bid is financially viable."

Indeed the once recession-blighted city is currently the recipient of a £200-million refurbishment, and the abundance of existing facilities is expected to reduce capital costs by 6 per cent.

Jimmy Munn, the director of the city's recreation and community services department, said: "For 1996 we will only require the building of the Olympic stadium. Everything else is on the ground."

He regards the national exhibition centre (NEC) as the jewell in Birmingham's Olympic crown. "The NEC is exceptional, it is the largest sports complex in Western Europe."

Indeed the NEC would house all indoor sport plus the athletes' village and media centre and with the Olympic stadium planned for an adjacent site for the first time in Olympic history, athletes would be able to walk from the village to the stadium.From a spectators' viewpoint communications are excellent. The NEC is conveniently placed for Birmingham International Airport and has easy access to six motorways.

Events not held in the NEC would be staged within a close radius and Munn said: "This must be the most compact bid of all time. It is revolutionary."

A further factor in Birmingham's favour is the worldwide recognition the city now enjoys for staging major events. International motor racing, the Horse of the Year Show, the European skating championships and present bids to host the world skating and gymnastic championships are all impressive examples of the city's elevated sports status.

Hopes buoyant along Manchester ship canal

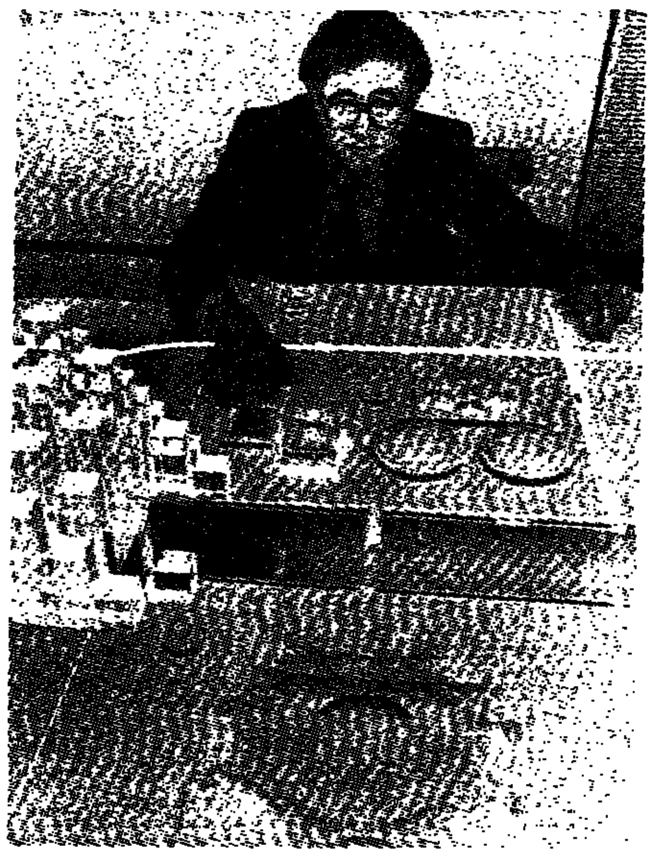
By David Miller

Three years ago Bob Scott, an energetic Mancunian entrepreneur, invited the British Olympic Association to look at the redundant Salford Quays on the decaying Manchester ship canal as a potential site for the Olympic Games. Lacking his vision, they saw nothing but dereliction. They gave the idea five votes; Birmingham's project, build around the National Exhibition Centre, received 25, and a disorganized London a mere two.

Today, the bleak, moldering relic of the industrial revolution, shrewdly conceived as a means of bringing maritime wealth to land-locked Manchester at about the same times as de Couvertin relaunched the Olympic ideal, is visible as a thrusting, imaginative redevelopment scheme. When the BOA meet on May 19 to decide once more between two rival provincial cities bidding for 1996, Scott's claim is substantially more credible. And, I believe, more worthy than Birmingham's.

That is not to denigrate the admirable efforts made by Denis Howell for Birmingham. Yet the BOA may care to consider that the International Olympic Committee's dismissive eight votes, when determining the hosts for 1992, was not as Howell suggested, a preference for Barcelona that had nothing to do with sport, but possibly a reflection of their opinion of Birmingham as a city; and of the NEC site as a non-sporting temporary expediency. Howell's campaign did much for Birmingham's international commercial publicity but rather less for British sport.

What Scott, and his private-sector financed campaign, now has to offer is something which, more than Birmingham, will leave a post-Games sporting legacy for the quarter of Britain's population, over 15 million, who are within one hour's drive of Manchester.



Vision of the future: Bob Scott with his plans for 1996

With a permanent main stadium at Weaste Quarry that will upstage Wembley and be part of an 'Olympic City' of multi-sports stadiums, and a temporary village of purpose-built accommodation in 300 green acres alongside the M63, Manchester's bid, allied to the city's internationally renowned cultural breadth and its transport network, would have to be seriously viewed by the IOC.

Scott has an established success in the theatrical field, and knows the hard-nosed market of the commercial and leisure field rather better than some of Birmingham's well-intentioned but internationally inexperienced councillors. Yet he is realistic.

"The long-term view must be that no British city can be favourite for the Centenary Games in a field with, probably, Athens, Toronto and Brisbane," he says. "But having seen the IOC at work in Lausanne, in Los Angeles and Calgary I know that experience of their ways and attitudes is essential. I want to get Manchester in the framework, if nothing else than for 2004 or 2008."

Scott's view is that what was previously Manchester's apparent disadvantage, a private sector bid in a depressed area, is now its strength. Embracing a north-west region that includes, imaginatively, Liverpool for boxing and half of the football; Cheshire/north Wales for equestrianism and possibly rowing and yachting (at present scheduled for Nottingham and Weymouth), the Manchester committee can woo three Urban Development Corporations for support; Trafford Park, Central Manchester and Mersey.

"Our investment in sports facilities will fall within the bounds of this government's urban development plan of £2billion over the next five years," he says. The three respective UDC chairmen, Peter Hadfield, James Grigor and Philip Carter, will all be on the bid committee, which is likely to receive, indirectly, the support of departmental ministers; Kenneth Clark, Trade and Industry, Nicholas Ridley, Environment, and Lord Young, Employment.

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Trafford Park is already an urban dream taking shape in leisure and light industry. At the same time, the BOA should be tempted by the promise of Manchester's Labour city council to build a multi-sports indoor arena on the Lower Mosley Street site, aimed at mass sport participation, if the bid is successful. This would be alongside the splendidly adapted old Central Station , now a vast exhibition hall which would stage gymnastics and the finals of volleyball and basketball. Next door is the modernized *Midland Hotel*, proposed IOC headquarters, and conveniently, for security, an island site.

From May 19, there would be two years to publicize internationally Manchester's bid before the IOC vote on the Centenary hosts in 1990; then six years still to adjust the plans if necessary.

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Thorburn squanders gilt-edged chances

By Steve Acteson

Steve Davis and Cliff Thorburn fought a tough and largely inconclusive first seven frames in their best-of-31 Embassy world snooker championship semi-final first session at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre last night, Thorburn taking the last two frames to trail by 4-3.

Thorburn, well rested after his late-night victory over Steve James on Wednesday, struck home a confidence-building clearance from the last red of 32 to take the opening frame but then, despite a run of 62, squandered two gilt-edged chances for a 2-0 lead.

First, seven points ahead, he missed the final black which was only six inches from the top right-hand pocket. Davis forced a re-spot, Thorburn missed again and eventually Davis doubled it to level at 1-1 and begin a four-frame winning streak which included breaks of 55 and 104.

Thorburn, the 1980 champion from Canada, won the last two frames, however, against the champion, who has figured in the last five successive finals.

Davis apart, it is doubtful if anyone puts in more time on the practice table during a normal season than Terry Griffiths. This, however, has been no normal season and no normal Embassy world championship for the engaging Welsh champion, who has failed in five quarter-finals to reach the semi-finals since winning the title at his first attempt in 1979.

On four of those occasions he has lost to Davis but he at last made it on Wednesday when he beat his close friend, Neal Foulds, to reach the last four, where yesterday he began a best-of-31 frames encounter of the gruelling kind with Jimmy White.

While Griffiths was glowing with contentment his manager, Barry Hearn, was bursting with pride after seeing four of his eight players — the others being Davis and Thorburn — occupying all four semi-final places.

SEMI-FINAL RESULTS: S Davis (Eng) leads C Thorburn (Can) 4-3. Frame scores (Davis first): 55-57, 75-68, 75-1, 65-10, 104-24, 25-57, 22-76.

ORDER OF PLAY: 10.30 a.m.: Davis v Thorburn, second session, seven frames. 3 p.m.: J White (Eng) v T Griffiths (Wales), second session, seven frames. 7.30 p.m.: Davis v Thorburn, third session, eight frames.

Richard signs

Warrington have signed Basil Richards, aged 22, the Great Britain amateur Rugby League international, from Queensbury.

England fans face three years in jail

Budapest (Reuter) — Seven England football supporters could face up to three years in a Hungarian jail following an incident at a disco here, when two employees were injured and nearly £800 worth of damage was caused after the Hungary v England international on Wednesday.

"After the rioting fans were called on to leave, they continued rioting on the street, damaging several cars and throwing beer bottles and stones," MTI, the Hungarian agency reported. The Britons are expected to be tried within a week.

Colin Francis, the British vice-consul, said he had interviewed the detainees and discussed legal assistance, but all opted for free representation through the Hungarian authorities.

Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, described the arrests as a setback to clubs' hopes of a return to European competition, adding that supporters were faced with increased provocation while their behaviour was under scrutiny.

Moynihan called on English supporters to avoid the European championships in West Germany this summer: "Our fans should not travel because they will be subject to provocation."

Investigation team named

The British Amateur Athletic Board (BAAB) yesterday named the three investigators who could make or break Zola Budd's running career.

The board has nominated a Queen's Counsel, Edward Cazalet, to lead the committee of investigation into Budd's eligibility to compete internationally. He will be joined by Marea Hartman, the honorary secretary of the Women's Amateur Athletic Association, and Ron Goodman, a former president of the Amateur Athletic Association.

The Board Council announced on Sunday, in response to the International Amateur Athletic Federation's call for it to suspend Budd for at least 12 months for "taking part" in an event in her native South Africa last year, that it would carry out its own investigation into her eligibility.

The trio's debate will centre on the well-publicized Brakpan meeting in Transvaal last June. Budd, who did not compete in the cross-country race there, was seen training and encouraging the runners, which was enough for the IAAF to declare that she had broken their eligibility rules.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Player is defaulted

Juan Rios, of Puerto Rico, was disqualified from his quarter-final match in the Hi-Tec satellite tennis tournament at Sutton yesterday. After losing the first set Rios, who had already been warned and docked a penalty point, aimed a serve at the umpire, John Bryson,

Notice served

Horace Notice, the British and Commonwealth heavyweight champion, who is unbeaten in his 16 professional contests, has been named as the challenger for the European championship held by the Italian, Francesco Damiani.

King: League contract

King signs on

Collis King, the former West Indian Test all-rounder, will today sign a one-year contract as the professional for the Central Lancashire League cricket club, Oldham.

Club honours

Widnes, the Rugby League champions, and the second division title winners, Oldham, yesterday received congratulatory letters from the newly formed all party Rugby League group in the House of Commons.

Rich reward

The testimonial held last year for Clive Radley, the former England and Middlesex batsman, realized £148,911.

AAA support

The Amateur Athletics Association has confirmed its commitment to the London Docklands Arena amid rumours that it was withdrawing support.

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